THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Friday. Fresh south to southwest winds.

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NAN PATTERSON

Has Her Things Packed Ready to Move Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Even with the verdict of the jury yet to come, Nan Patterson, who for more than six months has been locked up in the Tombs prison, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, felt today that the hardest part of her ordeal was past. To the verdict, she said, she has all the time looked forward only with pleasure. On that point she has had no fear. It was the long wait, the disheartening interruptions and delays and the nerve racking strain of the long trial that inspired her with dread. The merciless arraignment of assistant district attorney Rand which she knew would come before the end, she had feared would be the hardest to bear. Today with all that behind her, she said that she felt perfectly at ease and awaited without fear, the word of the jury which she knew would set her free.

"I have passed through so much," she said, "that I feel I can face another day without flinching. The judge I know will not be cruel to me and the tones of his voice will never rise to the harsh pitch of accusation. His charge, as I understand it, will be as much for as against me, and when he finishes, it will only remain for the 12 grim-faced men in the jury box to determine whether I am guilty or innocent. I feel that they will give me my freedom.

"Even with the terrible words of Mr. Rand ringing in my ears I cannot believe that they could set their wills against me and send me condemned to death to one of those little cells with the iron door that I read of in Roland Molineux book. Black as I have been painted, I cannot think that they will take my life for a crime I never committed."

Before leaving her cell in the Tombs prison today, Nan Patterson packed up all her belongings including the many little knicknacks which had accumulated there during her long occupancy. Grips and suit cases locked and ready for removal stood by the door, as she started on what she believed would be her last journey across the bridge of sighs. "I know, I know I will be free before night," she said. "I wanted every single thing packed and ready. I don't want to have to come back here for a thing."

STORY OF CRIME

WITH WHICH NAN PATTERSON WAS CHARGED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The crime with which Nan Patterson, the former show girl, was charged in a trial to end today, was one of the most sensational in New York criminal annals. Its peculiar circumstances, the prominence of Caesar Young in sporting circles, and the glamor thrown around the central figure in the case because of her membership in one of the famous "Florodora" sextettes all tended to lend it an interest hardly rivalled in recent years. From that word vaguely defined as "Sporting" the interest in "the murder in the hansom cab" spread through all circles and the proceedings of the trial have been read from coast to coast and have held a place on the first page of the metropolitan press.

With Miss Patterson sitting beside him in a cab, Caesar Young was on his way to a steamship pier, where his wife awaited him, to sail with her for Europe. The trip avowedly was planned to break his relations with the girl. It was early in the morning and but few pedestrians were abroad on the street through which the cab was hurrying to the dock. There was a pistol shot and Young fell forward, his head in the girl's lap, dead with a bullet wound in his chest. Just what transpired in the glass enclosed vehicle probably will never be known. The cabman testified he heard a report.

He knew nothing more. For some days silence prevailed. Then a flood of alleged eye witnesses turned up. Their stories, however, could not stand investigation and one after another of these witnesses were cast aside as sensation seekers. Then an old man Martin Hazelton of Oneonta, came forward. His probity was unquestioned. His standing in his home town was of the best, and he told what he had seen on that June morning. He saw the man and woman, their hands clasped and held face high, then a flash, a puff of smoke and the report of a revolver broke the stillness of the morning. He was the most important witness placed on the stand and the efforts of the prosecution to shake his brief but vital testimony went for naught. The defendant herself went to the witness chair and told the whole story of her relations with Young.

It was a cruel ordeal but she told it all in a straightforward manner, from the day she met the man who was to turn her life into tragedy's path, to the fatal moment in the cab. She said her companion shot himself. He held both her wrists with one hand and as she struggled to free herself, she heard a revolver's report and Young sank into her lap, dead. This, in brief, is the story of a case that has been a three times nine-days' talk in New York. There were many sensational sidelines to it, none of which was brought out in the trial. One of the strangest of these is the missing eye witness. Mr. Hazelton said that another man stood beside him and saw the tragedy. He was a casual street acquaintance who gave him a Masonic greeting and whose name he did not know. He had introduced himself as "A brother from the Rocky mountains."

The unknown has been searched for far and wide by by the prosecution and the defence. The story of his presence has been published in every newspaper in the country, but he did not come forth, even though a human life might have depended upon his word. There were other lines of investigation, heralded by the defence as vital, that played no part in the trial, and no case in years, surrounded as it was at first with so much seeming mystery, has been so barren of the dramatic and unexpected in the court room.

GIFT UMBRELLAS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

The Merrimack is making a play on their fine gift umbrellas for Christmas—they claim a more select line of handles than can be found around town—solid silver, gold, silver trimmed, horn, and natural woods—mounted in serviceable cloths, with the 20th century runner frames. Priced at $1.00 to $7.00 for men and women. Merrimack Clothing Co.

FUNERALS

CRANE—The funeral of Miss Catherine Crane was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Molloy and services were held at St. Peter's church by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The bearers were Patrick J. Egan, Joseph Carr, John Buckley and James E. O'Donnell. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MASTERSON—The funeral of Joseph Masterson was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his parents, 39 Lilley avenue, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

PINEAU—The remains of the late Mrs. Pineau were consigned to their final resting place in St. Patrick's cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from her late home, 1058 Bridge street and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from Salem and Peabody.

The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Denis Murphy.

The choir which was under the direction of Mr. J. Murphy sung the Gregorian mass.

During the service appropriate selections were rendered by different members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, the following being the most prominent: large wreath on base, employes of the Merrimack Clothing Co.; standing cross and crown on base, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. O'Brien; spray of cut flowers, Miss Annie Harrington; basket of roses and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keyes; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loper of Salem; spray of chrysanthemums, Mrs. J. Loper, of Salem; spray of pinks, Mr. R. J. Butcher; spray of pinks, Miss J. A. Ward, Peabody. The casket was borne from the church by Messrs Daniel Sullivan, Daniel S. O'Brien, Henry Keyes and Charles Harrington. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker Saunders.

DEATHS

TARRANT—John Tarrant, aged 68 years, died this morning at his home, 43 Crosby steet. He leaves a wife, three sons, John, Richard and Edward and four daughters, Mrs. James Flannagan, Mrs. Michael Vaughn and Misses Annie and Nellie. The deceased was an old resident of this city and a devout member at St. Peter's church.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning from his home at 8.30 o'clock and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at nine o'clock.

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Men and Boys

You'll find here a size for any foot and you can exchange after Xmas if they don't fit.

Our prices will tempt you to buy at

O'Sullivan Bros. Company

OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

CUTTING THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH WIRES.

IN BAD BUSINESS

Lineman Cut Telegraph Wires For Spite

IN COURT McTAVEY PLEADED GUILTY

He Was Ordered to Recognize In Sum of $500

Because the Postal Telegraph company owed him money which he refused to go to Boston and collect, Owen McTavey, a lineman, cut seven of the company's wires near the Colburn school in Lawrence street yesterday afternoon and then appised the company's local agent, Mr. William Morris, of what he had done. McTavey is 38 years old and says he belongs in Lawrence.

When McTavey telephoned to Mr. Morris, telling him that he had cut the wires, Mr. Morris reported the matter to the police and notified the Boston office. Inspector Walsh went out on the case and came upon McTavey in very quick time. McTavey was standing at Tower's corner when the officer approached him. He admitted he cut the wires and seemed satisfied that he had taken the proper course. There was no other way, he said, that he could get square with the company.

McTavey has been working for the Postal company down in Maine and he arrived in Lowell yesterday. He claimed that the company owed him $30 and he wanted Mr. Morris to pay him. Mr. Morris told him he had nothing to do with that end of the business and advised him to go to Boston.

In police court today McTavey was charged with injuring wires by cutting them. He pleaded not guilty and said he was ready for trial. Lawyer Harris appeared for the commonwealth and asked that the case be continued to Saturday. McTavey expressed a desire to hire a lawyer and was ordered to recognize in the sum of $500 until Saturday morning.

MILLS WILL BE STARTED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—Thousands of idle men in South Chicago will have employment the day following New Year's. The two largest mills of the Illinois steel company will be started then and the entire steel plant, for the first time in months, will hum with industry.

About 10,000 men are engaged in all the departments.

The returning workers will find lower wages and more work.

In some cases, it is said, the cut will amount to 40 per cent.

For that tight feeling in your chest

There is a remedy over 60 years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Our furniture and household goods will be sold at Public Auction beginning Saturday, December 24, at 2 p. m., and every day and evening until goods are sold.

A big hole has been made in our stock by the fire but there is still a big and well assorted stock left to be sold. We are anxious to bring in our new stock which had been ordered and on its way here when the fire occurred. Therefore it is imperative to force out this present stock at your price.

All goods must be sold at cash.

J. N. Carter & Co.
458 Central St.
Formerly Foggs' Furniture Store

Don't miss this great chance for bargains.

CLAIM REWARD

COURT MUST DECIDE TO WHOM IT BELONGS.

The Manchester Mirror says:

In all probability the courts of the state will be called upon to decide the much-mooted question of the disposition of the reward of $300 offered by the town of Londonderry for the arrest of the person guilty of the murder of Mrs. Celia J. Smith, and for which Charles E. Brigham has just been given a life sentence in state prison.

A few days after the discovery of the crime the selectmen of the town held a meeting and, after consulting Col. John G. Crawford of this city, who has an office in Derry, announced that the town would pay the sum of $300 for the arrest of the person guilty of the murder.

Since Brigham received his sentence, he having entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree, three persons have come forward with claims for the reward. The city marshal of Lewiston, Me., where Brigham was found employed in a store; Max Buller, a Maine state detective; and David A. Black each assert that they are entitled to the reward. The latter claimant is a photographer and was the first person to identify Brigham and give information to the Lewiston police. He recognized Brigham on the Boston and Portland boat, after seeing his likeness in a newspaper. The wording of the offer, however, is for the arrest of the guilty person and not for information leading to his arrest. Mr. Black has retained an attorney and will press his claim.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER.

The free Xmas dinner baskets to be given by the Salvation Army will be given out on Saturday. Those holding tickets, by presenting them at 33 Shattuck street, between 2 and 4 p. m., will receive their baskets. On Monday, Dec. 26th, a table will be laid for about 400 people with good things, including turkey, beef, pork, vegetables, bread and butter, pie, apples, coffee, sugar, cranberries.

Contributions of bread, pie, coffee, sugar, cranberries are needed. Please send to 33 Shattuck street Friday or Saturday of this week.

Your Wants.

If you want to buy, sell or give away anything, or locate lost, strayed or stolen goods, advertise in The Sun and you will hear of it quickly, as it is

Lowell's Greatest Newspaper.

MANY VISITORS

Charged With Drunkenness in Police Court

JUDGE HADLEY DID NOT ACCEPT EXCUSES

And Suggested the Establishment of a Custom House

The complexion of the dock in police court today was decidedly cosmopolitan. Six nations at least were represented and nine of the thirteen drunken offenders were from out of town, a fact always to be deplored by Judge Hadley. It was rather interesting to hear the different excuses offered by the out-of-town men for their appearance in Lowell. One fellow came here to buy clothing. He came from Peterboro, N. H., because, he said, he was told that good clothing is cheaper in Lowell than any place in New England. This young man, herculean in his physical make-up and unpretentious so far as great mental efforts are concerned, told the court that his intentions were all right. He came here for the express purpose of buying a "new suit" for Christmas. Although formidable in appearance he admitted that he was a bit timid at heart and in order to arm himself with the courage which he considered necessary to drive a good bargain he indulged in a few "high balls." After tossing a few of the high ones he felt warm enough to go about with clothing as abbreviated as that of the African. He made up his mind that the inner man was a pretty good fellow and he decided to give him a good time. "Suit of clothes," he said to himself; "what do I care for clothes. I have a good bed to go to in Peterboro and what the —— give us another drink there, Mr. Bartender; everybody have a drink."

The young man who declared he left Peterboro with read good intentions was pushed from a grog shop and sprawled about the street until the arrival of a kindly disposed officer who assigned him to a plank cot at the brick house in Market street.

Then there was a fellow from Lawrence. He fidgeted nervously with his hat and told Judge Hadley that he came to Lowell to have a good time. Judge Hadley didn't think that was a very good excuse and he up and told the fellow so. The man in the dock wore a blue shirt and a yard of two-and-one-half inch ribbon, purple in color, for a tie. Of course that didn't have anything to do with the fine that he was sentenced to pay. The fact that a man tiring of the see-saw way that things go down in Lawrence should be struck with the idea of coming to Lowell did not appeal to Judge Hadley, and his honor did not rub his hands and chuckle when the man from Lawrence said he had spent all kinds of money in the pursuit of a good time in Lowell. Instead of thanking him for his patronage, as some might feel disposed to do, the court ordered him to pay a fine of $5.

Another fellow who hailed from Providence, R. I., said he came here to visit friends. He was a happy-go-lucky sort of a chap and he had heard what the court said about out-of-town visitors. He stroked an apology for a moustache, looked lingeringly out the window, cast sheep's eyes at the gallery and listened to what the court had to say. None may know the variety of thoughts that coursed through the brain of the man from Providence and not a muscle moved when the court said $6.

After he had disposed of the last out-of-town man Judge Hadley took occasion to remark that the way things are going it looks as if Lowell would have to establish a custom house and place a tariff on importations.

A lawyer who heard the judge's remark observed to the reporters, that if a custom house were to be established it would be well to appoint the grog shop men keepers and colectors at the port of entry.

ARRESTED IN NASHUA.

Peter St. Cyr was arrested in Nashua yesterday for the Lowell police. He was wanted for the alleged larceny of 86 bushels of potatoes valued at $65 the property of a man named McDonald. The case was continued to Saturday. Lawyer William Barry of Nashua, N. H., will look after the interests of the defendant. Mr. Barry arrived in the police court after the case had been continued.

STOLE FESTIVE BIRD.

Philip Bissonette, a young man stained with the taint of many prisons, was charged with the larceny of a turkey from Pike's market in Middlesex street. He pleaded not guilty but the weight of evidence was against him. E. D. McVey appeared for Bissonette and pleaded eloquently and impressively for his client. Deputy Welch stigmatized Bissonette as the worst kind of a thief. He told of his prison record which included the reformatory and the state prison. It looked like a long term for the defendant but he was let down with a sentence of three months in jail. He was also charged with drunkenness and that complaint was placed on file.

A $5.00 SUIT CASE $3.45.

If there's a doubt about the Christmas gift for "him," why not a Suit Case? You can buy a good case as low as $2.00 and you can pay as high as $9.00, but the big value is the special $5.00 case selling at $3.45. The Merrimack Clothing Co.

New Xmas goods. Oriental Bazaar.

LATEST

STANDARD OIL WAR

Lawson Will Shoot Its Emissaries on Sight

He Says the Trust Buncoed Keene Out of $7,000,000—Addicks to Get Warm Reception Tomorrow

The war between Thomas W. Lawson and the Standard Oil trust culminated in several sensational developments last evening.

First came Lawson's "war proclamation" to H. H. Rogers, active head of the Standard Oil trust, warning him that he would shoot on sight any and all emissaries or agents sent in quest of him by the Standard Oil people.

Next came Lawson's statement that Jim Keene, king of Wall street operators, had been buncoed out of $7,000,000 which the trust had promised him as a reward for making "wash" sales of Amalgamated copper.

The next development was Lawson's statement that he would go in quest of J. E. Addicks, the Delaware gas magnate, as soon as he arrives in Boston tomorrow, and that he will be prepared for any kind of warfare the Delaware man wants.

Statements given out late last night by Senator Higgins of Delaware and Receiver Pepper of Philadelphia tended to confirm Lawson's story, in his latest chapter on "Frenzied Finance" to the effect that the receivership in Bay State Gas a few years ago had been bought out with money furnished by Henry H. Rogers.

Late this morning Jim Keene gave out a copy of his letter to Lawson, which the latter had claimed contained proof of his statement that Keene had made "washed" sales of Amalgamated copper.

That James R. Keene, promised a loan of $1,000,000 by Henry H. Rogers in return for "washing" big stocks of Amalgamated stock, was turned down by Rogers after Mr. Keene had done his bidding was the statement made by Thomas W. Lawson last night.

In addition to this sensational statement came rumors that Mr. Keene, the recognized king of Wall street, might take up cudgels against Standard Oil in conjunction with Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Lawson received notice yesterday that J. Edward Addicks, the gas magnate of Delaware, would be in Boston tomorrow. Mr. Lawson said last night that he would not see him, but warns Mr. Addicks not to try any of his tricks.

A scathing broadside addressed to Henry H. Rogers was issued last night by Mr. Lawson, in which he warns Mr. Rogers that "he will shoot at sight any and all thugs sent after him by the Standard Oil people."

Denis Donohoe, editor of the New York Commercial, who declared his intention of coming to Boston and putting a bullet through Mr. Lawson, sent word last night that he was not coming and that he would carry on the fight with his pen.

An open letter was addressed last night to Henry H. Rogers, wherein Mr. Lawson threatens to shoot on sight.

WARNING TO ROGERS.

It reads in part as follows:

"In the light of many happenings of late and the innumerable threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish to herewith notify through you any and all thugs who are seeking me that I will in self-defence shoot at sight the first one who calls upon me or in any way comes into my presence after giving me notice such as the above.

"I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and only do so after having become convinced there are at the present time many would-be assassins seeking to put an end to me that they may put an end to my work.

"Such affairs as the Colonel Greene episode, where an honest man, after having been artfully worked up to a high pitch, is put upon my track, I do not mind, but I do want you and your associates to know that I am fully alive to what is now being and will hereafter be attempted against me, that upon your heads may come the consequences.

"THOMAS W. LAWSON.

"Dec. 21, 1904."

This is in line with the statements made that Mr. Lawson fears attempts are being made to poison him and that on two occasions he has been treated for symptoms of poisoning.

But last night Mr. Lawson was "feeling fine," as he expressed it.

SQUIRREL LINED GLOVES.

Plenty at the Merrimack today—landed another lot. They're the scarcest thing in the market. Speak quick! Merrimack Clothing Co.

GAS LAMPS

Largest variety shown in Lowell. Low prices for Christmas trade. Over 50 styles to choose from

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Rooms No. 2 and No. 3, Associate Building, lately occupied by the Red, White and Blue Stamp Co., will be to rent. Applications for same may be made to the janitor.

H. J. KEYES.

WITHIN REACH OF ALL

Nowhere in Lowell can be had as good value in Christmas goods as at Howard, the Druggist's, 197 Central street.

Two leaders are a dainty green basket (just right for handkerchiefs when emptied), containing two bottles of Toilet Water (Eastman's) that sells at 29c. If you were to guess at the price you'd say at least 75c.

The other is a beautiful white and gold box containing three cakes highly perfumed soap and two bottles of toilet water. This package is equal in appearance to fine imported goods and would be cheap at $1.00. Our price is 59c.

Two pretty little boxes for the children, one containing two bottles of perfume at 10c, another with an assortment of Woodworth's perfumes (four odors) at 25c.

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COUPON A—2.
FREE MORRIS CHAIR
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Complete House Furnishers.

NAN PATTERSON

Jurors in Case Cannot Stand Night Session

Their Physical Condition Will Not Permit It—Arguments Will Be Made Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Today the trial of Nan Patterson reached a climax in the arguments of counsel. Mr. Levy made a great plea for the liberation of the prisoner and a verdict in her favor is confidently expected.

ARGUMENTS BEGUN.

The appearance of the court room today when Judge Davis took his seat on the bench was in marked contrast to that of yesterday. Not more than half the seats were occupied today.

Mr. Unger of counsel for the defence renewed his motion for Justice Davis to order the acquittal of Miss Patterson without further proceedings, but the court denied the motion and directed counsel to proceed with the arguments.

Mr. Levy then began the closing address to the jury for the defense.

Mr. Levy told the jury that Miss Patterson was not being tried for immorality. No woman becomes bad because of innate depravity, said he. She becomes bad because of the incentives of man and the weakness of her nature. If a man takes his life because of love for her why punish her? If her soul were as black as the gates of hell, she was nevertheless entitled under the law to as fair treatment, as if she were the sweetest and purest.

"You cannot bring back the dead," said Mr. Levy. "But if Caesar Young were here today, I think he would speak a few words for this poor girl he made his plaything."

Mr. Levy declared that every effort of the prosecution had failed to sustain the charge that Miss Patterson pursued and threatened to separate Young from his wife. All the evidence tended to prove the contrary was true, showing at all times Young's persistent and unfailing admiration.

Referring to the part Miss Patterson's sister and brother-in-law have had in the case, the attorney said:

"I am not responsible for Julia or her disreputable husband and I would to God that I could have brought them here. What may or may not have prompted Julia to write the letter which has appeared in this trial I do not know. I don't know if it may not be that hiding behind this defendant Morgan Smith or his wife were attempting to blackmail the deceased.

There is no evidence connecting the defendant with the letter or showing that she knew of its contents or whether or not it had been sent."

He argued that the whole case of the prosecution was constructed of the most flimsy material and that this, if nothing more should raise a doubt in the minds of the jurors.

Mr. Levy claimed that the prosecution had failed utterly in the attempt to show that Miss Patterson had a motive to take Young's life. On the other hand, they had shown that she had every reason to want him to live. He supplied her plentifully with money, ensuring her a life of luxury and she loved him. At the same time the evidence showed that Young was a man of many moods and that he had consumed large quantities of liquor within a few hours previous to the tragedy. Was it not possible, he asked, that Young might have acted hastily when he learned that Miss Patterson had decided not to keep her promise and meet him in Europe?

"The prosecution failed at a vital point in their case, he declared, in not being able to prove that Miss Patterson had a revolver. It had been proved conclusively that she had no pistol and he suggested that the man who purchased the weapon at Stern's pawn shop might have been Young's brother-in-law Luce, and that the pistol might have been given Young by Luce when he saw him just before the fatal cab ride began.

The testimony of expert witnesses who appeared before the jury might be dismissed with the statement:

"Expert testimony is no better than your own common sense. We get experts to testify either one way or the other. They testify only for the side that pays them."

GUTTED BY FIRE

Club House Damaged--Loss $100,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan club house, the home of the most fashionable club in Washington, was gutted by fire today, involving an estimated loss of from $60,000 to $100,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a spark from an electric wire near the elevator shaft. The flames broke out about 5 o'clock this morning and fanned by a strong wind soon enveloped the building. They were not extinguished until nearly five hours later. The club has a large membership embracing some of the best known men in public life, but none of them were in the building at the time of the fire, the only occupants being the watchman, steward and two other employes, all of whom escaped without difficulty except watchman Deponal, who gave the alarm and was afterward overcome by smoke. He was carried out by the firemen otherwise uninjured. A library estimated to be worth upwards of $15,000 and containing some volumes that cannot be replaced, escaped practically uninjured, and the flames did not reach the wine cellar. Manager Knight of the club estimated the loss on the building at $100,000, on which there is an insurance of $45,000 and on contents $25,000 with $15,000 insurance. The police estimate of the loss is considerably lower than these figures.

BOSTON STOCK MARKET.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Boston stock market was very slow in its early dealings today, with a marked absence of selling pressure. There was little animation outside of arbitrable stocks. Sugar and United Fruit had the early call. Copper opened generally firm in tone, based apparently upon the scarcity of stocks, and a somewhat firmer market for the metal. At noon a reactionary tendency set in.

PRESIDENT ELIOT

WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT QUILL CLUB BANQUET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Charles K. Eliot of Harvard university was the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the mid-winter banquet of the Quill club here last night. Almost 300 members of the club were present. The color scheme in the decoration of the hall was crimson. The Harvard glee club sang during the evening.

President Eliot, in an address on "The University and the Ethical Problem for Our Time," said:

"We may think we have advanced a good deal over the centuries that have gone before, but, if we look back we shall find that the 19th century was the bloodiest of all modern cycles. We thought that [illegible] differences that, while they cannot get together in the day time, they do attack at night.

"The industrial conditions of the country illustrate this same fact. The country is now overridden by monopolies which under free institutions have become a menace.

"Look at the monopoly of the labor union, which is entirely created by the freedom of association. In England and in our own country the monopoly of the trusts is created precisely as it was more than four centuries ago."

INVESTIGATION PUT OVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The investigation of the steamboat Glen Island disaster in Long Island Sound last Saturday which was to have begun today was adjourned until tomorrow because of failure to get witnesses.

To Cleanse and Beautify Your Teeth

Give bright healthy color to your gums and sweeten your breath, use

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All druggists, 25c.; mammoth size 50c.
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FROM THE GRAVE

Patrick Shea of Lawrence Came Back to Life

From death to life, from the shores of the great unknown, a return from that bourne whence no wanderer is said to return, seem to have been the fate of Patrick Shea of South Lawrence or one some previous mental took place.

Mr. Shea is a young man who resides with his parents in the city of Lawrence and has for some time past been very sick and so sick was he that no hope was held for his recovery.

Monday night he was very low and shortly before 10 o'clock his mother and brothers being gathered about his bed he apparently passed away. As is usual in such cases the undertaker was notified and the relatives and friends of the deceased were quickly apprised of his sad demise. The house was quickly filled with friends of the family and sympathy and sorrow were expressed on all sides.

This continued all night and all the necessary preparations for the burial went on till the following day when the young man suddenly came to life again to the utter amazement of those present.

He spoke to his mother, calling her by name and also spoke to his brothers and sisters who were present. They, for some time, were afraid to go near him, thinking that they themselves must have been in a trance, for they were positive that their brother was dead.

When death came his heart apparently ceased beating, his body got cold and rigid and all the other symptoms of death were present.

There could be no question said one present, that he passed away into something different from what he had ever seen in this life. This gentleman was not willing to say that the young man had died, but he said if this was not death then I do not know what death is and I have seen a great many people die. It certainly looked like death.

So sure were the people that young Shea was dead that one of them sent a postal to Prof. Frederick Bond of this city notifying him of the death of Mr. Shea. The professor received the postal Tuesday morning and almost immediately informed his chum William H. Cuzner, the local manager of the Ginter grocery company of the news he had received. Mr. Cuzner said to Mr. Bond that they had better send some flowers down there and told him he had better go to McManmon's and take them down with him when he was going to Lawrence Tuesday evening, as the professor goes to that city every Tuesday evening to hold a rehearsal of St. Patrick's church choir. Accordingly the flowers were ordered and Mr. Bond took them with him on the seven o'clock car. From the car, when he arrived in Lawrence he went directly to the home of the Shea boy. When he approached the door he thought it rather strange that he did not see any crape on the door knob and no outward evidence of there being a death within. He nevertheless went up to the door and rang the bell. The brother of the deceased came to the door. Mr. Bond told him how sorry he was for the trouble etc. The brother said nothing but beckoned him to enter the house. Mr. Bond went in and the brother related the story above given.

Mr. Cuzner was seen by a Sun reporter this afternoon and he said he had seen the postal which Mr. Bond had received and that he had advised the buying of the flowers. The reason that he desired to send flowers was that he had made several visits to Lawrence with Professor Bond and as the young man in question was a member of the choir of which the professor was the director, he had occasion to meet young Shea several times and liked him very much. Young Shea has been sick for some time past and they all thought he was not going to get well. So when Mr. Bond left there last Sunday he asked one of Shea's nearest friends to notify him of the death of Shea as he desired to sing at the funeral mass.

The professor received the notice and informed Mr. Cuzner and showed him the postal. Tuesday night when he came home he told Mr. Cuzner that Shea was not dead and related the circumstances. Prof. Bond said that he was by no means the only one who had bought flowers, for there were as many as six or seven others who had likewise bought flowers. Hence when the young man revived he was in the midst of a death scene, coffin, lighted candles, flowers and rooms filled with mourners.

This event is one of the strangest that has ever occurred in this vicinity and cannot be accounted for by the medical fraternity and the only way in which any explanation can be given is that it was the work of the Almighty.

DRACUT STRIKE

The Operatives are Still Out

CONFERENCE THIS MORNING WAS FRUITLESS

The Two-Loom System Cause of Trouble

The striking operatives at the Navy Yard met Mr. Morrison, agent of the mill, this morning and talked over the differences which led to the strike.

They are satisfied with their pay, but say he is putting in the two loom system. This, Mr. Morrison denies, but says that to keep the departments busy he has two pairs of such looms. He says he thinks it would be time enough to hold him responsible when the thing becomes a reality.

The operatives claim that from changes and modifications made, they know that the two loom system is to be introduced and they refuse to go back to work until they have assurances to the contrary.

The conference today resulted in nothing and 135 hands are still idle.

NEW CREMATORY

Acceptable Locations--No Swill to be Burned

It has not been definitely settled where the new crematory will be located and of course this will not be taken up until the resolution to borrow the money has been passed upon by the mayor, and this may be some few days, as the [illegible] able to the board and to the public in general.

The old crematory in Ayers city has about outlived its usefulness, and ere long will completely burn itself out. The board will operate it as long as there is enough of it together, for the community in the vicinity and for that matter the city in general could not very well get along without a crematory of some kind; so the old one will be run for the present.

The new crematory according to the agent of the board of health can be built and put in first class condition for the sum of $10,000 and he says that inside of ten years it will pay for itself. No swill will be burnt in the new burner, for the reason that it would cost a great deal for coal and the burning of the swill would take away a considerable revenue from the department. The swill is not all collected by the department, but the outsiders who collect swill have to get a license from the board, and have in addition to this to furnish, under oath a list of the persons from whom they collect the swill. If it is found that they collect from anybody else they are apt to be reprimanded and lose their license, so that they obey the rules pretty well. The department has now seven teams occupied in the collection of the swill and make two collections from about every house in the city at least twice a week. This swill is brought to the health department yards and there transferred from the department teams to the teams of the farmers and other customers, the board having certain customers. The revenue from this portion of the health department business amounts to nearly $500 a year. Dead animals, the refuse from fish and meat markets, and such stuff which is extremely offensive and such that it cannot be taken to the dumps is the material which will be burned up by the new crematory. The consumption of this matter will cost but very little, but if swill were burned it is estimated the cost counting the loss of revenue to the department would be somewhere in the neighborhood of $15,000 a year. This the department feels it could ill afford at the present time.

About the location, it is said that the crematory could be located either at the Aiken street dump or even in the health department yard. Of course there would be some objection to the latter place on account of the neighborhood being thickly populated, but the health authorities are of the opinion that there would be no offensive odors, for the stack could be so arranged that it would carry all this smell off.

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ADMIRAL TOGO

Great Weight Attached to His Observations

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Admiral Togo who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, instanced by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eye caught the vision of speedy disaster.

Commander [illegible] who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted and has been given other posthumous honors.

RUSSIA ADMITS PORT ARTHUR LOSSES

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—While declining to give details the admiralty admits that Russian advices from Port Arthur sent by General Stoessel substantially confirmed the Japanese advices of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor and the censor has been instructed to permit the publication of the dispatches. It is claimed that several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo boat destroyers are still seaworthy but they are not being considered as a factor in the coming fight between Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron. Since the arrival of the latest advices there has been less disposition to criticise Rear Admiral Wirens' failure to make a sortie, General Stoessel having decided that further defence of the fortress would be impossible if the guns of the warships and the sailors landed were re-embarked. Had the ships been able to go out under the conditions existing they would have been at the mercy of the Japanese and have been sacrificed without hope of inflicting commensurate damage.

If the fortress is relieved, it is believed that most of the ships will be raised and saved.

The report that a Japanese squadron of 40 vessels had already sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the admiralty here as being incorrect and circulated for a purpose.

THE RED CROSS DOES GREAT WORK

(Correspondence of Associated Press).

MUKDEN, Dec. 21.—A report on the work of the Red Cross in the northeastern district has been submitted by Prince Vassiltchkoff. During the month of October 10,691 sick were treated. Of these 89.98 per cent. were seriously ill. A little over 35 per cent. of the sick recovered under treatment. The others were invalided or transferred to other hospitals. Less than 1 per cent. died. The figures relating to wounded are conflicting and uncertain but it appears the ratio of shot and shell wounds to cold steel are about 235 to 1.

RUSSIAN ATTACK WAS REPULSED

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—The following report from Manchurian headquarters was received at 11.30 last night and made public today:

"On Monday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy's artillery east of Da mountain bombarded the neighborhood of Sialintung. At 1 o'clock in the morning Tuesday the enemy's infantry attacked us south of Plentuoungpao and at Tatsupeo. By 4 o'clock in the morning he was repulsed. Simultaneously the enemy's infantry attacked Chinshantung, Heilintung and Huangti and made a most vigorous attack in the neighborhood of Chinshantung. The fighting continued about an hour when the enemy was completely repulsed. We had no casualties."

GUNS USED AT PORT ARTHUR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following cablegram dated Tokio, Dec. 21 has been received at the Japanese legation:

"Port Arthur army reports our troops at the battle of the North fort of Tunkewanshun were four quick firers whereof two are usable, four machine guns all usable and five field guns which are under examination, besides rifles, shells, ammunition, grenades, etc."

BALOON SERVICE NOW IMPORTANT

MUKDEN, November 21.—Mr. Nandt, who has been in charge of the baloon corps in the Far East during the greater part of the war, has given some interesting conclusions reached in practical work in the field. He still thinks the baloon has a distinct future in warfare and there have been a number of occasions when the baloons did valuable work in scouting but, on the whole, he says that the weather in Manchuria is too damp for baloons to be at their best. It has proved exceedingly difficult to get photographs of any value. When the baloon was low, the vibration, owing to the air currents was excessive. Light was seldom favorable and frequently the baloon was too high for the pictures to be of any use. In the attack on Poutiloff (Lone Tree) Hill [illegible] done during the [illegible] when he went for [illegible] purposes, they were really valuable [illegible] equalable.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT FOR PORT ARTHUR

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—[illegible] transport Manshu leaves Japan for Port Arthur about Dec. 28 carrying the foreign naval attaches and [illegible] delegations. The trip is intended to give the attaches an opportunity to make technical observations.

KROONLAND SIGHTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Steamer Kroonland, from Antwerp, east of Fire Island, at 10.03 a. m.

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SCORES DROWNED

Storm Swept Portugal With Fearful Effect

LISBON, Dec. 21.—A storm which suddenly burst on the northern coast of Portugal has caused great loss of life. From reports already received 18 fishermen were drowned at Figueira da Foz and 60 others have been rendered destitute. A ferryboat plying at the mouth of the Mondego river was capsized and 14 persons were drowned. In the Loixoes basin, near Oporto, five boats were sunk and five persons drowned.

U. S. SENATOR

MEETING UNANIMOUS FOR DEPEW'S RE-ELECTION.

At the conclusion of the conference called by Senator Platt at the Fifth avenue hotel today, it was said by several of those present that the sentiment of the meeting was unanimously in favor of Senator Depew's re-election. It was added that all favored harmonious methods to bring about the result and the hope was expressed that a contest could be avoided. The meeting appointed a committee to confer with Governor Odell on the subject.

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THREE LIVES LOST

In Fire in Laborers' Home in Bangor

BANGOR, Maine, Dec. 21.—Three lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of John Johnson, a laborer, at Still Water Park, a section of this city, today. The victims were:

MRS. JOHNSON AND TWO SONS,

Kenneth, aged 7, and Theron, aged 3.

Herbert, aged 9, a third son, escaped from the burning house by jumping from a window, after he had been badly burned. The fire started while the three children were alone in the house. Mrs. Johnson had left the three in a bedroom and had gone to a nearby store to purchase provisions. She had been absent but a few minutes when persons living near by saw smoke pouring out of the windows. Before anything could be done to rescue the children, Mrs. Johnson returned, and when she saw the blazing house, she became frantic and rushed into the building, closing the door after her. She was not seen again alive by those who had been attracted to the street by the fire. There was much delay in ringing the alarm and when the firemen reached the scene the house was in ruins.

Herbert Johnson jumped from a bedroom window about the time his mother returned. He had been scorched by the flames and cut by glass. Later he was removed to the hospital.

The firemen found the charred remains of Mrs. Johnson and the other children among the debris where the kitchen had been. It was evident that the woman had perished in that room, while trying to rescue Kenneth and Theron. The three bodies were burned beyond recognition. The financial loss does not exceed $1,000.

NEWS KILLED HER

Wife Died on Hearing of Husband's Death

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—An unfounded report of the death of her husband from whom she had been separated for three years, has cost the life of Mrs. Catherine Sheffer at her home in Union Hill, N. J.

Shaffer had been ill with pneumonia but is recovering. A child of the couple who lived with the mother was told that he was dead. She ran home and broke the news. The mother became hysterical, passed from one convulsion to another and died in a few minutes.

CUSTOMS FRAUD

CASES HAVE GONE TO THE JURY.

BOSTON, Dec. 21—After a trial which has lasted 40 days the alleged customs fraud cases, so called, were given to a jury in the United States district court at noon today. The defendants are Samuel Grunberg and Charles A. Baitler of the Glasgow Mfg. Company and John W. Trafton and James A. Shedd, former examiners at the appraisers stores in this city and it is charged that they conspired to fraudulently under-value goods imported from abroad, chiefly laces from Switzerland. The trial was the longest ever held in a federal court in this city. In his charge to the jury, Judge Francis S. Lowell pointed out that 12 overt acts of conspiracy to defraud the government were contained in the indictment.

LAND FRAUDS

MAN WHO APPROACHED JURYMEN IS KNOWN.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—The Oregonian, today, says that it has become known that the grand jury which is investigating the land frauds has been approached for the purpose of influencing its decisions. One juryman is known to have been approached and the man who did it is known to the federal authorities. The attempt was unsuccessful, so it is stated.

It also transpires that information is leaking from the jury room as to what is taking place there. This would not be serious if it did not indicate that it is possible to get into communication with the jury.

The witnesses, so far as examined by the jury, are S. Bormsby, a former forest ranger, Marie Ware, T. Jacobs, one of the prominent witnesses in the first case, and Mrs. Emma L. Watson, already convicted of conspiracy.

Nothing is known as to the nature of their testimony.

HAY CHAPEL

GIVEN BY SECY HAY BURNED TODAY.

SHIMSBURY, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Hay memorial chapel, given to West Minster school by Secretary Hay in memory of his son, Adelbert S. Hay, was burned today. The loss, estimated at $12,500, is only partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from a defect in the furnace. The chapel was built and dedicated in 1902.

AMES PARDONED

BY HIS WIFE'S AID THROUGH PARDON COMMITTEE.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21.—The state board of pardons yesterday granted a pardon to Col. Frederick Ames, brother of former Mayor A. A. Ames, of Minneapolis. Col. Ames was chief of police and was convicted of "graft" during his brother's administration.

Col. Ames' pardon is due to the untiring efforts of his wife, who during the past three months has been unceasingly active in collecting evidence tending to show that her husband was the victim of designing officials under him.

BRITISH STEAMER

IS ON TRIAL BEFORE JAPANESE PRIZE COURT.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—The examination of the cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer (which was seized by the Japanese protected cruiser Tsushima off Ulsan, Korea, Dec. 19, and which was brought to Sasebo for trial before the prize court) is progressing. Seemingly it is undetermined whether parole breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this feature of the case, because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the communication with Russians who seek refuge at ports in China which is considered to be vitally important.

GOT 25 YEARS

Stiff Sentence Imposed For Manslaughter

BROOK HAVEN, Miss., Dec. 21.—In the circuit court, Dave Posey has been convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Ben Bayles, a negro. The defendant claimed that the killing was justifiable, as he declared he found the negro stealing corn. The jury was out less than an hour. After the usual motion for a new trial, which was overruled, Judge Wilkinson sentenced Posey to 25 years in the penitentiary.

Judge Wilkinsn passed sentence on other men as follows: Oscar Franklin, life imprisonment for the murder of Eli Hilson, a negro; Will Franklin, D. W. Smith, R. L. Smith, Ellas Smith and Elbert Gill, each 60 years in the penitentiary for manslaughter for the killing of Henry List, a negro.

These two killings were the whitecap cases which aroused the indignation of the citizens and caused the formation of the law and order league.

Sam Posey, who pleaded guilty to the charge of whitecapping and was convicted of highway robbery, was sentenced to 20 years.

BANKER ASSIGNS

OHIO NATIONAL BANK GOES TO THE WALL.

CONNEAUT, O., Dec. 21—O. C. Lillie, cashier of the closed First National bank of this city and president and owner of the Marine Savings bank at Conneaut Harbor, which is also closed, has made an assignment.

It was stated yesterday that both banks would be able to open within a week or 10 days but the assignment of Mr. Lillie puts a new aspect upon the whole affair.

RUSSIAN LOAN

PART OF IT TO BE FLOATED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Overtures are reported to have been made to a number of local bankers concerning the flotation here of a part of the forthcoming Russian loan. No definite steps have been taken as yet toward placing the bonds but bankers express the belief that a fair sized block will find a market in this city and there may even be a public offering, as in the case of the two recent Japanese loans, which were placed half-here and half in Europe.

The amount of the new Russian loan, as already announced will be $200,000,000, and it was said that perhaps $35,000,000 of this amount might be placed in this country. This loan was to have been brought in January next, but it is now stated that the issue will be postponed probably until the middle of February.

A certain amount of the previous Russian loan was taken in this country on direct subscription, principally by the banks and insurance companies.

TO PURCHASE LEAGUE TEAM.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 21.—Negotiations have begun, it is announced, for the purchase of the Washington American League baseball team to be transferred to this city.

The plan is to transfer the Eastern league franchise now held by Baltimore to Washington. At present there is a difference of $27,000 standing in the way of the completion of the deal. The Hanlon and Frank interests are understood to have offered $48,000 for the franchise, players and grounds, now the property of the Washington organization.

MARRIED HER FARM-HAND.

ELMHURST, L. I., Dec. 21.—Miss Mary Ann Lawrence, after 50 years of single life, has surprised all her friends and neighbors by becoming the bride of John Burkhard, a widower, who for 10 years has been employed as a farm-hand by Miss Lawrence's father, and after his death by her.

The bride possesses a fortune of $500,000 and is living with her husband in a beautiful house which she recently built and furnished. It adjoins the tract that was formerly the Lawrence farm, which within the last five years has been cut up into building lots and sold at high figures.

Burkhard has two daughters and two sons, all of whom are married. He is about 60 years of age.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Noon.—Money on call nominally at 2¾ a 3 percent. Prime mercantile paper 4 a 4½ percent. Exchanges $210,195,367. Balances $14,679,715.

PERUGIA SIGHTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Steamer Perugia, from Naples, was sighted south of Fire Island at 11.55 a. m.

A. O. H. OPPOSED

To Any Treaty of Arbitration With England

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts, numbering about 30,000, went on record today as opposing the treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. A communication was sent out from here today to the president of each division of the order. It says in part:

"Whereas, the ratification of the treaty coupled with the willingness of John Hay, the secretary of state, to take concurrent action with the English government on all the important questions may precipitate war with one or more of the great powers of the world; and

"Whereas, such a treaty of arbitration, thus obtained, will have all the force and effect that a treaty of alliance would have, and concurrent action with England under these conditions would inevitably lead to war without the consent of congress.

"Resolved, that we, the state board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts, representing in this state 30,000 members, American citizens of Irish birth or descent, remembering that England never signed a treaty but to break it, protest at this time, when England is on the verge of war with Russia, against a permanent or general treaty of arbitration with her.

"Resolved, that we condemn the efforts being made by the paid emissaries of the British Empire to prejudice the minds of the American people against our old friend, Russia, who was a true friend to this country when England was our avowed enemy."

WAS DERAILED

TRAIN LEFT IRON ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—A north bound vestibule train of the Virginia Midland division of the Southern railway, was derailed at Somerset, Va., at 7.30 o'clock this morning and one passenger named McArthur of 210 North Charles street Baltimore, was killed and three passengers slightly injured.

Only a sleeping car and a coach car left the track and the former was burned.

GOVERNMENT LETTERS

FAVORED BY STATES WHICH SHARE PROCEEDS.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Prussia is negotiating treaties with the other German states for the collective management of state lotteries and to thus reduce the expenses and share the proceeds on an equitable system of percentages, avoiding the multiplication of agents and advertising and removing the necessity for costly competition. Although to buy or sell a ticket in one state for a lottery in another is a misdemeanor severely punishable it is constantly done. Saxony has been Prussia's most annoying competitor by raising the capital prize and then conniving at the sale of tickets in Prussia. Thereupon Prussia was obliged to raise the prizes and to distribute such tracts as "Why it is a duty to subscribe to the lottery — by a clergyman," or pictures showing a young man bringing his old parents home.

INDIAN CANNIBALS

HAVE CAPTURED PROSPECTORS AND CARRIED THEM OFF.

MAZATLAN, Mex., Dec. 21.—Seri Indians, inhabiting Tiburon island, off the coast of Sonora, are on the war path. Within the past few days, Mexican fishermen from the island have arrived at Guaymas and report that several fishermen were captured and taken into the interior of the island by the Indians. It is also reported that two American prospectors from Arizona named Ferguson and Drake, who left Guaymas for Tiburon island, were captured by the Indians. The Seris are known to be cannibals. They have announced they intend to hold the island for themselves.

BIG BOND ISSUE

FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LAKE SUPERIOR RAILWAY.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—At a special general meeting today of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk railroad, presided over by Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, it was agreed to guarantee the issue of $7,500,000 four percent. gold bonds for the construction of the Lake Superior branch of the road.

ACTION OF HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—As soon as the house met today, Mr. Morrell, (Pennsylvania) called up the senate resolution granting to the inaugural committee permission to use certain public buildings and reservations, including the use of the pension building for the inaugural ball. Mr. Morrell explained that the resolution was exactly as it came from that body and said that after consultation with the members of the District of Columbia committee and in view of every desire of the house that the inaugural ball shall be held in the pension building it had decided to accept the senate resolution in its entirety.

The house adjourned at 12.59 p. m. until January 4, after Mr. Mann objected to unanimous consent to take up the inaugural resolution.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21—The forenoon session of the second day of the annual meeting of the New Hampshire state grange in this city was devoted chiefly to the reading of reports. The various officers and the standing and special committees all stated the results of their work during the past year. A lecturer's conference was held later. Exemplification of the first, third and fifth degrees followed by local granges of East Tilton, Rye and Portsmouth. The evening session will be given u pto the exemplification of the fifth degree by the Eastern New Hampshire pomona grange and the conferring of the sixth degree by the officers of the state grange.

NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Naval officer of customs—Walter T. Merrick, in the district of Philadelphia, Pa.

Judge of the district court of Alaska—James Wickersham, of Alaska, third division.

Also army promotions.

From Late Edition Yesterday

PARDON REFUSED

Olan Vaughn Will Remain in Prison

COMMITTEE VOTED NOT TO GRANT PARDON

Officer Healey Opposed the Petition

The governor's council came in at 9.30 o'clock at the state house this morning to hear the petition for the pardon of Olan Vaughn of Lowell who is serving a life sentence in the state prison for assault and battery with intent to murder Police Officer Healey on the morning of March 4, 1898. John J. Hogan and Albert S. Howard appeared for the petitioner.

Lamplighter Green, who testified in the case of the Vaughn brothers, was the first witness. He said it was so dark on the night the assault was committed that it would have been impossible, in his estimation, for the officer to have recognized his assailants. Mr. Green said he saw three men that morning near the scene of the assault and shortly after it had been committed.

He said that when the case came up in the police court Officer Healey approached him and asked him if the lights were burning that night in the vicinity of Scannell & Wholey's factory where the assault was committed.

Dr. Robert Bell testified that when the Vaughn brothers confronted Officer Healey at the hospital the officer was unable to swear positively that they were the men who assaulted him.

Mrs. Frank Moran of Lynn said Robert did not leave the room and go to the roof of the house on the night he was arrested because he feared complication in the assault on Officer Healey. The reason, she said, that he left the room was because she was in the room with him and he feared the officers would arrest them both and he wanted to save her.

Three of the jurymen who found Olan Vaughn guilty on the evidence testified today in his behalf. One of the three men who testified today was the foreman of the jury. They said that at the time the twelve men declared that there should be a distinction between the guilt of the two boys and they further declared that if the jury thought Olan Vaughn would be sentenced for life, the jury would not have found him guilty. They recommended that Olan Vaughn be pardoned.

Counsel for the petitioner presented a petition signed by ten of the jurymen who convicted the Vaughn brothers. One of the other two members of the jury has passed away and the other man is in Colorado.

Miss Nellie Murphy, who lived in the tenement house in Dutton street occupied by the Vaughns, stated that she saw Robert Vaughn in the hallway of the house at the hour the assault was committed or that the police said it was committed. Mrs. Nettie Hyde, who was in the house at the time, corroborated Miss Murphy's story.

Postmaster Thompson favored the pardon of Olan Vaughn. He said that there was a job waiting for him if he succeeded in regaining his liberty. Peter F. Conatan also spoke in favor of the boy's release.

Officer Healey said he was just as positive today that Robert and Olan Vaughn assaulted him as he was at the time of the assault. He was opposed to the pardon of Olan Vaughn.

John J. Hogan argued in favor of the petition. He said in the first place that the boys were innocent but that if they really had committed the assault Olan Vaughn was influenced by his older brother, Robert. He believed that Olan Vaughn had suffered enough, under the circumstances, even though he had assisted in the assault. His mother, he said, was sadly in need of his assistance and, as had already been stated by Postmaster Thompson, he said there was a job waiting for Olan if the pardon was granted. The petition was taken under consideration by the committee and the committee will report to the governor in a few days.

PARDON REFUSED.

The committee, after an executive session, voted unanimously not to grant the pardon.

THREE CANDIDATES

ALL REPUBLICANS FOR PRESIDENCY OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Yesterday it looked like an easy thing for Councilman Dodge in his fight for the presidency of the new common council, but this morning there was quite a change in the sentiment and at the present writing it is anybody's fight. Two new candidates have entered the contest and they each of them say that they are going to make a determined fight for the coveted honor. Councilman Baldwin of ward six has announced his candidacy and his friends say that he can and will win.

The real strenuous candidate, however, is no less a personage than James Hayes of ward one. He informed a reporter this morning that he was an out and out candidate for the presidency of the council and that already no less than eight republicans had promised to vote for him, and he expects to get some democratic votes. Councilman Cheney of ward three started out to be a candidate but he has withdrawn. With three republican candidates for the presidency of the common council and three or four of the republican aldermen candidates for the chairmanship of the upper board it looks as if things would be very interesting up at city hall a week from Monday. The democrats are quietly looking on, and taking no part in the mix-up and propose to allow the republicans to have it out as they may.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

SEVERAL OLD CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

The meeting of the committee on claims this evening will be the last one which this committee will hold, and several claims which have been hanging dre during the year will be taken up and acted upon by the committee.

There are a number of these claims in which it is claimed that the city is not legally liable, and these will probably be given leave to withdraw.

MRS. CHADWICK

Nearly Fainted in Bankrupcy Court Yesterday

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into the bankruptcy court here yesterday in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness.

Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Nathan Loeser, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

Mrs. Chadwick was accompanied into the court room by several deputy marshals. She took a seat next to the desk of Referee Remington. She was pale but appeared in somewhat better health than on the day of her arrival from New York. Among those present were Mrs. Chadwick's nurse, Freda Swanstorm and Emil Hoover, her son.

When the court was ready to proceed J. P. Dawley, attorney for Mrs. Chadwick, made the announcement that he would not allow her to be sworn, but had decided to have her come to court so that it could not be said she was shamming illness, although he knew her to be in no condition to be summoned.

"I have not been able to carry on a connected conversation with this woman, owing to her condition," said Mr. Dawley. "I am as much in the dark about her affairs as any one."

Touching on the possibility of contempt proceedings growing out of the bankruptcy case, Mr. Dawley said:

"You can send her back to jail if she is in contempt for not testifying. At night she can sleep in one cell and stay in another during the day."

Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorneys argued, and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused she returned to the jail in a carriage.

The savings and deposit bank of Elyria, which holds a chattel mortgage on Mrs. Chadwick's household effects yesterday turned over to Receiver Loeser the control of all its claims. The bank waived its claims subject to any rights that may be legally held by reason of its prior action in attaching the goods. The receiver agreed to pay the cost of seizure on the part of the bank before any other claims are liquidated.

The county grand jury had before it as witnesses H. W. Kitchen, president of the State Banking and Trust company, and Attorney George F. Foster of this city. It is understood that the Chadwick inquiry is nearly completed, and a report may be forthcoming very soon.

SHORT SESSION

House Adjourned Till January 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—After a session of four minutes duration the senate adjourned at 12.01 p. m. today until January 4 next. The proceedings consisted of a prayer by Chaplain Hale, the reading of the Journal of Monday's brief session and the receipt of a number of nominations from the president. The attendance was small and no other business was attempted.

After the resolution was partially read, Mr. Williams (Miss.) offered an amendment requiring the inaugural committee to give bond to insure the repairs of all damage done to public reservations and buildings.

Mr. Underwood (Alabama) elicited from Mr. Morrell the statement that the action in calling up the resolution today was by order of the committee, a majority of the members of which had been polled and expected their approval of the senate measure.

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Fancy Rib Roast Pork	8½c lb.
Fancy Smoked Shoulders	7½c lb.
Fancy Brisket Pork	10c lb.
1 lb. pkg. Seeded Raisins, 9c pkg.; 3 pkgs. 25c	Kennedy's Smyrna Fig Bars, 10c lb.
1 lb. pkg Cleaned Currants, 9c pkg.; 3 pkgs. 25c	Kennedy's Sultana Fruit Crackers 10c lb.
1 lb. pkg. Mince Meat, 7c pkg.; 4 pkgs. 25c	Kennedy's Vanilla Creams, 10c lb.
18 Fancy Sweet Oranges 25c	Kennedy's Ginger Snaps, 5c lb.
Fancy Messina Lemons, 15c doz.	Kennedy's Lemon Crackers, 5c lb.
Best English Walnuts 14c lb.	Kennedy's Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
Walter Baker's Cocoa 19c Box	Very Best Tea 40c lb.
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Kennedy's Best Graham Crackers 10c lb.	Very Best Pure Java Coffee, 25c lb.
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WON'T ACCEPT

Fall River Manufacturers Will Not Arbitrate

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21—The manufacturers have rejected the proposition for arbitration submitted by the Textile council and ratified yesterday by mass meetings of the five Textile Unions. Secretary Taylor of the Textile council received the reply this afternoon. The communication is short and in addition to the refusal adds that the manufacturers can offer no plan that will involve any change in the 12½ per cent. reduction. The committee of the manufacturers arbitration reached this decision at a meeting held this morning.

REPORT UNCONFIRMED.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21—The report that Governor Bates had interested himself in the settlement of the strike cannot be confirmed. President Borden of the manufacturers association denies that he has received any communication from his excellency and up to noon the labor leaders had heard nothing about steps taken to secure a settlement emanating from the governor.

The labor secretaries one and all, say they would welcome the overtures of any one to secure an adjustment of the difficulties and especially from men in high walks of life. They believe that the matter should have been undertaken long ago and that if public men would interest themselves it would have some effect upon the arbitrary position taken by the manufacturers.

In asking for arbitration, the labor leaders are not emphatic in their choice of the arbitrators and simply suggested members of the Civic Federation because they thought a better choice of public men could be made from that body.

They say that their willingness to make a sacrifice in order to settle the strike must not be construed as a sign of weakness and it is done only to show that they want to be fair. If there is a settlement the sacrifice will have to come from both sides.

Checks to the amount of $1570 were distributed to the relief stations today and provisions will be made by the textile council on Friday for another distribution next week.

No gains are reported at the mills and the running condition is much the same as it was weeks ago.

The manufacturers have mailed their answer to the proposition for arbitration and it will be received by Secretary Taylor of the textile council early this afternoon. They refuse to reveal the contents of the reply but it is believed to be a refusal to arbitrate.

SATCHEL MISSING

CONTAINED VALUABLES BELONGING TO MRS. CHADWICK.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Still another satchel, one thought by Receiver Nathan Loeser to contain valuables belonging to Mrs. Chadwick, was today found to be missing.

This developed in an examination of Mrs. Mary Londraville, Mrs. Chadwick's former housekeeper, held before referee in bankruptcy Remington. It was merely a continuance of the hearings to locate missing Chadwick property. The discovery is in addition to the missing trunk and grip that disappeared from the Holland House in New York.

Mrs. Londraville, who was the only witness examined today, told of the accompanying of Mrs. Chadwick to the Hollenden Hotel here at the latter's request and of taking two satchels into a room. Judge Albaugh of Canton and several men, the witness said, were present in an adjoining room. Asked as to what had become of the satchels, "I was instructed to give the large one to D. L. Pine of this city. I called him up by telephone and told him about it and asked him to come for it. He arrived after Mrs. Chadwick had left for New York and I gave it to him."

The satchel, she said, contained letters and papers. She did not know what had become of the other satchel. The hearing was continued until this afternoon and an effort will be made to have Mr. Pine appear for examination as to the whereabouts of the satchel and what it contained.

Receiver Looser said today it was not likely that Mrs. Chadwick would again be summoned before the bankruptcy court.

CLERK'S RECORDS

NO CLERICAL AID FOR COMMITTEE IN ITS WORK.

The committee on clerks' records of the common council, will hold their first and only meeting Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, at which time Clerk Dowling will submit the records of each meeting held during the year. The committee consists of Councilmen J. J. Hayes and Barry. There is some talk of the committee employing clerical assistance, but the president of the council, Braden, says there is no appropriation for this, and unless Cecil Adams volunteers his services the committee will have to do their own writing.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

CHARGED AGAINST EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—Judge H. H. Chase, who presided at the inquest on the death of Harry B. Masters, who was killed in his office in the Standard Oil company's building in this city on November 30, finds that "death was due to a shock from an electric light wire which had become charged with a death-dealing current through the gross negligence of the Edison Electric Light company, its agents or servants." Mr. Masters was superintendent for the company in Brockton and vicinity and the Cape.

MINISTER MARRIED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—At noon today in the church of the Epiphany, Miss Elizabeth Lindsay Glover was married to Jonkheer R. De Marees Van Swinderen, The Netherlands minister, Bishop Satterlee assisted by the rector, the Rev. Dr. McKim, officiating. Secretary Hay, other members of the cabinet, and the entire diplomatic corps constituted the official representation at the wedding. Baron Mouscheur, the Belgian minister, was best man and Miss Hagner, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, maid of honor.

SHOT AND KILLED

Jones Murdered Two Persons and Then Tried Suicide

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fred Jones, a clerk in Petit's grocery store at Charlotteville, yesterday afternoon shot and killed Constable William C. Gray and Mrs. Abbie Goodrich, a widow. He then turned the revolver upon himself and fired a bullet into his brain. He is still alive, but surgeons say he cannot recover.

Jones was a suitor for Mrs. Goodrich's hand and the shooting was the result of her refusal to accept his attentions. Jones is 28 years old and Mrs. Goodrich was 54 and the mother of several grown children.

So persistent had Jones become that Mrs. Goodrich went before a justice of the peace at noon and made a complaint, claiming that he had threatened to kill her and set her buildings on fire if she would not marry him. A warrant was issued and given to Constable Gray to serve. Gray went to the store where Jones was working. Jones asked that Mrs. Goodrich be sent for in order that he might adjust matters and avoid being arrested. Jones and Constable Gray were in a back room when Mrs. Goodrich entered the store. When Jones heard the woman's voice he drew a revolver and shot Gray in the head, killing him instantly, and then stepping over the officer's body, entered the store and shot Mrs. Goodrich in the leg, causing her to fall to the floor. Advancing close to her prostrate form, Jones put another bullet into her head. He then shot himself in the head, inflicting a fatal wound. Mrs. Goodrich died an hour later. Jones was brought to a hospital at Lockport.

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FINAL MEETING

The joint standing committee on claims at its final meeting of the year last night voted to recommend that $220 be awarded to Patrick M. Flanagan, a former employe of the city, who lost an eye through an injury received while at work on the "ledge" some time ago.

It was also voted to award the Traders' and Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company $50 in consequence of the fire on James G. Hill's house in Third street which was started by a spark from one of the city's steam rollers.

The Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company also had a petition in for $40 and leave to withdraw was recommended.

TO UNITE CHURCHES

CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN TORONTO.

ST JOHN, N. B., Dec. 22.—A deputation from the maritime provinces is attending a conference in Toronto, which seeks to arrange a union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Canada. The churches concerned have not given their representatives authority to commit them to any line of action, but the delegates have been instructed to consider details of the proposed amalgamation.

According to the late census, the Methodists in Canada numbered 916,-862, the Presbyterians 842,301, and the Congregationalists 28,283. The Methodists and the Presbyterians are the leading bodies in point of membership.

CHIMNEY FIRE

SLIGHT DAMAGE TO HOUSE IN LAGRANGE STREET.

An alarm from box 225 at 8.31 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a chimney fire in a house in Lagrange street near Suffolk street, belonging to J. J. Coffey.

CLOTHING AFIRE.

The members of Hose 7 were called to a house in Cherry street, off Chapel street, this morning at eight o'clock to extinguish a fire in a house belonging to Mrs. C. L. Stone. One of the occupants of the house was using a lighted candle when the flame came in contact with some clothing and set the latter afire. The damage was slight.

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Best Sirloin Roast Beef,	12c lb	Best Cape Cod Cranberries	5c qt
Best Rib Roast Beef	8c to 10c lb	Best Bread Flour	85c bag; $6.75c bbl
Best Roast Pork,	9c lb	Best Butterine,	10c to 15c lb
Best Smoked Bacon,	12c lb	Best Creamery Butter	5-lb boxes $1.50
Best Hams,	11c lb	Best Green Mountain Potatoes	18c peck; 70c bush
Best Smoked Shoulders,	8c lb	6 lbs. of large Prunes,	25c
Fresh Shoulders,	9c lb	20-lb. pail Compound Lard	$1.40
Best Round Steak,	2 lbs. for 25c	Fresh Eggs,	25c doz
Best Rump and Sirloin Steak	15c lb		
Best Corned Beef,	5c to 7c lb		
Best Legs Veal,	10c lb		

WE GIVE LEGAL STAMPS

NORMAL SCHOOL

Christmas Entertainment by Miss Hussey

A fine Christmas entertainment was held at the State Normal school in Broadway yesterday afternoon, the affair being given by Miss Mary Hussey, teacher of elocution and physical culture, assisted by Miss Helen Wetmore of Boston, soprano, and Mr. Arthur C. Spalding, accompanist.

The class rooms, corridors and lecture hall were decorated in a very artistic manner with spruce boughs tied with broad streamers of red and with holly. A few specially invited friends were present and with the members of the faculty and their families and the young women students, the attendance was very large. The students all wore the color red, there being touches of that color in ties, belts or gowns.

The program opened with Miss Wetmore singing one of Mrs. Beach's compositions, "A Song of Love." She is possessed with a beautiful voice and the applause tendered her after each selection was vociferous. She also sang "The Year's at the Spring" and "Mighty Like a Rose."

Miss Hussey's first reading was "Hiawatha's Wooing," from Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha." She also gave Tennyson's "Bugle Song" and her selections from Eugene Field were well given. Besides the regular program she gave "Malden and Weathercock," by Longfellow, and "The Night Wind," by Field.

Mr. Spalding's work at the piano was excellent.

Both Miss Hussey and Miss Wetmore received bunches of violets, presented by the young women students.

WESTFORD.

There was a large attendance at the double silver medal contest which was held at the town hall last Friday evening. The platform had been beautifully decorated, for the occasion, with evergreen trees and boughs, with a mingling of crape paper and fancy dolls, which was quite suggestive of Christmas.

Rev. C. C. P. Hiller took charge of the program, and made the opening prayer, which was brief but certainly helpful to all present. Before the speaking commenced he mentioned how W. J. Demorest of New York had originated the medal contests work, nearly twenty years ago, in order that the young people of America, and as it turned out all over the world, might lift their voices to help along the temperance cause. He then explained how the marking was to be done on the judge's blanks. Following the recitations by the Misses Lucy T. Lambert and Georgie Lang, came a beautifully rendered solo by Mrs. Hiller. Then two more recitations by the Misses Luella Wright and Effie M. Bennett, when the Grange quartet favored the audience with a song which was heartily encored. After the last young lady, Miss Mattie Symmes had recited, Mr. Hiller invited the audience to rise and sing America, which was done with a will. Then came the recitations by the young gentlemen, Ralph A. Shaw, Frank Shugrue, Louis Jenkins and D. Richard Connell, interspersed with singing by the quartet, and followed by another song from Mrs. Hiller, during which the judges, Prof. H. W. Lewis, Rev. J. F. Mallck and Mr. L. E. Fletcher, all of Littleton, and Mr. Frederick Snow of West Chelmsford had retired to the judges' room. While they were out Mr. Hiller made a little temperance speech of his own, and commended the excellent way in which the young people, who had just spoken, had deported themselves. Prof. Lewis announced the report of the judges and said that Littleton was always interested in Westford's affairs and that it gave him pleasure to be present on this occasion. The medal for the young ladies was awarded to Miss Effie May Bennett and Ralph A. Shaw was the winner of the other medal. He spoke of the very excellent manner in which all of the contestants had recited, and was sorry not to be able to award each one a medal, and trusted that at some future contests each one would be so honored. Mrs. Hiller presented the medal to Miss Bennett, and also pinned on to each of the other young ladies a speaker's pin, which was also of silver, but considerably smaller than the medal and engraved on it in blue enamel were the letters "M. C.," indicating the contest. Mrs. Hiller made an appropriate speech to each contestant as she fastened on their badges.

Mr. Hiller then pinned the other medal to the coat of Ralph A. Shaw and congratulating each of the boys in turn, fastened a speaker's pin on their coats, and with commendatory words to all the contestants and thanks to the judges and all others who had aided to make the occasion so highly successful, he closed the exercises of the evening.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

BELLEVUE VILLA WAS BURNED TODAY.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Bellevue Villa, the little summer hotel which has sheltered the University of Pennsylvania boat crews during their season of training here for the past ten years, was burned today. The loss is placed at $25,000.

The hotel which had accommodations for ninety guests was situated on the west bank of the Hudson river opposite this city. It was unoccupied when the fire broke out.

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LOST—Black cocker spaniel, long tail, name "Phil." $15 reward for return or information leading to recovery. H. H. Wright, Concord, N. H. Box 685.

LOST—A black wrist bag containing pocketbook, bills and change, also tickets for Highland club hall. Return to Room 5 Glidden building.

FOUND—On Merrimack street a pocketbook containing a sum of money. Call at The Sun Office.

LOST—A pocketbook Monday morning on or between Lawson and Willie sts Reward at 10 Lawson st.

LOST—A bunch of flat keys, between Grafton Hall and Simpson st., if found return to Grafton Hall, Merrimack st.

LOST—A package containing 2 back combs. Reward at Bon Marche office.

LOST—A tan color pocketbook in Bon Marche or Pollard's, owner's name on inside. Return to 287 Appleton st. and receive reward. Call evenings.

FOUND—A pocketbook in the Union Market, Middlesex st. Owner can have by proving property and paying charges.

LOST—Brindle bull pup, brown spot on back of neck. Return to 97 Christian st.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday somewhere between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

COMPANY BLAMED

HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF BROCKTON ALDERMEN.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22—Justice H. H. Chase, before whom the inquest was held recently regarding responsibility for the death of Ex-Alderman Harry Masters, a few weeks ago, who was electrocuted while using the telephone and electric light at the same time, gave out his finding in the matter yesterday afternoon.

It was, substantially, that Masters' death was brought about by reason of shock from an electric light wire, through gross negligence of the Edison electric illuminating company, its agents, or servants, inasmuch as there was evidence that a strong current had been detected on the wires, and had been reported to the company previous to the accident, and had not been removed.

The report has been sent to Dist. Atty. French.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.30, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.33, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.44, *1.50, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.33, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 3.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machinsport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02, 10.33 a. m.; 12.09, 2.09, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *09.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *(9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *10.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:

a Via Wakefield Junction.
* Express. b Daily.
q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
w Via Western Division.
x Via Redford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

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WILL THE PERSON who made a mistake in money call at 25 Cross st., Mrs. D. Lyons, and identify it. Can have same by paying for this adv.

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MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 50 leading cities. Tolman, room 48, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

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TO LET—Nice sunny tenement of seven rooms, cor. Floyd and Mead sts. Inquire at 16 Floyd st. Rent low.

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TO LET—Three stores newly fitted, good for any business, in good location. Inquire at 34 Jackson st.

TO LET—Furnished rooms and tenement on Bowers st. Address D., Sun Office.

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TO LET—Pleasant tenements in Centralville $4.50 per month and upward. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Boarding house of 15 rooms Inquire of John Whitty, 152 Market st.

TO LET—Cottage of seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water. Keys at 20 B st.

TO LET—Convenient locality 10-room house, furnace heat, all improvements, a pleasant street, could let rooms. Apply Charles M. Erskine, room 22, Hildreth Building.

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TO LET—Nice tenement of five rooms with toilet. Newly painted and papered. 236 Fletcher st.

TO LET—12 room house near Shaw Stocking Co.; fine location for boarders, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers' Hall.

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I HAVE A FEW hundred dollars to invest in a paying business where services are required for a fair salary. State nature of business. Address B., Sun Office.

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FOR SALE—Safe and cash registar. Call or address Green, 35 East Merrimack st.

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FOR SALE—A light touring car for sale cheap, party going out of town to live, must be sold before Saturday, this car goes to the highest cash bidder. E. W. Fowler, 1781 Middlesex st.

FOR SALE—Hot lunch served at the bath house, 501 Pawtucket st. for skaters. Good skating above the dam.

FOR SALE—Child's sleigh, excellent condition. Inquire at 348 Wilder st. near Westford st.

FOR SALE—Two cars of good feeding hay at retail for $15 and $16 a ton; also storage to let with use of elevator. Inquire at Charles Dumas' 129 Market st.

FOR SALE—Two seated sleigh in fine condition, price low. H. C. Fuller, 49 Central st.

FOR SALE—At the Boston Bird Store, 28 Dutton street, nice young canaries, from fifty cents to two dollars.

FOR SALE—Owner sick in bed, stock and fixtures invoice over $2000, $1100 takes it. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Wood yard, old stand, fine motor, teams and doing $100 a week. $400. Greene, 98 Central st.

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FOR SALE—Nice square piano in fine condition for sale cheap. 275 Westford st.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Sleds, sleighs, carriages, farming tools of all kinds of late Perry M. Jefferson. Inquire 428 Rogers st., Caroline A. Jefferson, Admx, or John Thompson, Tewksbury Centre.

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WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.—Before buying an Xmas present call and see our special rotary machine, it is the lightest and fastest running machine in the market, second hand machines for sale, lock and chain stitch. 576 Bridge st.

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WANTED—A man to work on farm, no milking, steady work. Michael Whelton, Mammoth Road.

WANTED—Responsible man to manage an office and distributing depot for large manufacturing concern. Salary $1,500 per annum and commissions. Applicant must have good references and $1,000. Capital secure. Address Supt. 323, West 12th street, Chicago.

WANTED—Stenographer, one willing to begin for $5 a week. Good chance to gain experience. Address Y. Z., this office.

WANTED—Middle aged woman to take care of two children and assist in housework. Call at 4 Conlon's court off Fayette street.

WANTED—Housekeeper wanted at 39 Brooks st. Call after 7 p. m.

WANTED—One or two sober, steady, reliable men, for permanent out door positions. Must be of neat appearance. Apply Room 5, 5 Merrimack square.

WANTED—A young man who can sell and deliver kindling wood, no other need apply, good pay, steady work. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED

WANTED—One or two children to board in private family, good home. Inquire 670 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

CASH PAID for apples at car, Thorndike st. track. Bring along your apples, take back your money and barrels. Harrison & Co., 39 Chelmsford st.

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SITUATION WANTED—Position as lumber surveyor. Inquire at Sun Office.

SITUATION WANTED—A married woman with no children wants a situation as matron in a public building. Can furnish the best of reference. Apply to the Sun Office.

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MIDDLE AGED LADY would like to take care of two children. Address L., Sun Office.

IN OLDEN DAYS

How the Fire Laddies Fought Flames

CHIEF HOSMER AND DEPUTY CHIEF NORTON

Tell of Experiences in Early Days

The writer happened to be in the Central fire station the other day when Chief Hosmer and Assistant Chief Norton were in a reminiscent mood. They were talking of fires which they ran to in their boyhood days when at the sound of the word "Fire" every youngster ran to the nearest hose house and thought it jolly fun to help haul the crude piece of apparatus to the scene of the fire.

The drift of the conversation eventually went around to the manner in which the alarms were given in the early forties. In those days the firemen if they were prompt arrived on the scene in time to see the fire shooting out through the windows or else the whole roof would be afire. The only means of notifying the department was the shouting of "Fire," the word being passed from mouth to mouth until some of the bell ringers caught the sound and then the bell was tolled.

The police officers, there being very few at that time, were equipped with rattles to give the alarm, and strange to say it is doubtful if there is one of those rattles in existence at the present time. For instance, if there was a fire in Pawtucketville and a policeman discovered it he would take his rattle from his pocket and while running at top speed he would shout "Fire in Pawtucketville" and he would keep his rattle going. He would continue on his run cityward until he attracted the attention of another police officer, who would take up the cry and then the latter would start running towards the centre of the city, shouting at the top of his voice and swinging his rattle. The word would be passed from one policeman to another until the officer nearest the Market building caught the cry. The latter would rush into the building and notify the bell ringer, there being a bell on the Market building, now the police station, at that time.

Pawtucketville was then in what was known as ward five and the bell ringer would toll the bell in a lively manner for several minutes after which there would be five distinct blows notifying the firemen that there was a fire in the fifth ward. The ringing would then continue in a lively manner for another while and then five more distinct blows would be sounded. This was kept up until the bell ringer thought that the firemen throughout the city were fully notified.

The hand-tubs would then be manned, people who assisted in pulling the tubs being met at almost every corner the tub passed. Sometimes the firemen would reach the fire in time to extinguish the blaze before much damage was done, but more frequently the fire was nearly burned out, or else some of the early arrivals on the scene had extinguished it.

The firemen at that time were paid twenty cents for every hour they worked and when some of the young fellows got short of cash they would start the cry of "Fire," run to one of the stations, help pull the wagon to where the imaginary fire was, and earn twenty cents. False alarms were very numerous, the old reports of the chief of the fire department showing that more than half of the alarms were false. The sight of a light in a window or even a street light was enough to start a cry of fire in the early days.

Speaking about the old bell on the Market building very few people are aware of the fact that the bell which hung in the tower of that building and which informed the tub brigades where the fire was, is the bell which now hangs in the tower of the central fire station and which is one of the best sounding bells in the city today. In the early days however there was a tongue in the bell and a rope was used to make it speak, while a hammer operated by a telegraph system now sounds the bell.

During a lull in the conversation of the old times, Chief Hosmer swung around in his chair to his desk and reaching into a remote corner pulled three small piles of papers and handing them to the writer said, "Here are a few papers which are a trifle older than you are and which had something to do with the fire department of the olden days."

The first one of the papers which I opened was indeed an old one, it being the original appointment of Mr. Oliver M. Whipple as chief of the Lowell fire department for the year 1830, almost 75 years old. The paper was well preserved and opening it I read the following:

"By virtue of an act of the legislature of this commonwealth dated Feb. 6th, 1830, establishing a fire department in the town of Lowell we, the subscribed, have appointed and do hereby appoint Mr. Oliver M. Whipple of said town to be a fire ward of said fire department for the year ensuing. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April, A. D., 1830.

Joshua Swan,
Artemus Young,
James Tyler,
Selectmen of Lowell.

There were three other appointments of Mr. Whipple's, one being an appointment as engineer in 1831 and another in 1835, while the other was his appointment as assistant engineer for 1833.

The other papers were the returns of members of the fire companies of Lowell during 1835 and 1836 and contained the list of members of the following companies: 1, town engine; 2, machine shop; 3, Middlesex company; 4, Merrimack print works; 5, Merrimack company; 6, Appleton company; 7, Lowell company; 8, Tremont & Suffolk; 9, Lawrence company; 10, Belvidere hook and ladder company, Hamilton hose company and Appleton hose company.

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BOWLAWAY

This is the name of the new bowling alleys in the new O'Dowd building on Hurd street, and there is nothing better in New England. The place will be formally opened

Thursday Evening, Dec. 22

at 7 o'clock and the American orchestra will be in attendance.

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Free Ticket with every purchase of fifty or more at Bon Marche Store.

WOMAN FLOATING

Found Off Herrick's Wharf Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The body of a well dressed woman, about 45 years old, was found floating on the water off Herrick's wharf, East Boston, at dusk last night. The harbor police sent the body to Briggs' undertaking rooms on Howard street.

From appearances the woman met death either by accident or by her own hand, but the medical examiner will perform an autopsy today. There are no marks upon the body which are taken to indicate foul play.

There is nothing about the clothing which it is thought will help her in her identification, and this gives rise to a theory that she removed all such marks in order to hide her identity.

The woman was 5 feet 7 inches in hight, and weighed about 145. She wore a red waist, black skirt and cape, the latter trimmed with fur, and black laced shoes and hose. The police think the body had been in the water about three days.

Goods at low prices, Oriental Bazaar.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

NORMAN'S SECRETARY SAID TO BE SHORT IN HIS ACOUNTS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 22.—George H. Norman, the well known clubman of Boston and Newport, and member of the Myopia polo club, last night made a criminal charge of embezzlement against his private secretary, Edwin L. Pike, formerly of Boston. A warrant of arrest has been sworn out, charging that young Pike converted $1500 of the funds of Mr. Norman to his own use.

Pike's Newport friends believe he is in Boston. Pike had a wide acquaintance among men here, and frequently gave expensive suppers in his apartments.

It has been Mr. Norman's custom when he goes away to leave with his secretary funds to meet any bills that may come due during his absence. Mr. Norman returned here from a visit to New York yesterday and his action against Pike followed.

Pike had a nice suite of rooms with B. Benjamin May on Bull street. It was said there last night that Mr. Pike had not been there since Monday evening, and it was not known there where he is.

Mr. Norman had all Pike's furnishings and effects in his apartments attached yesterday afternoon, and the sheriff put Mr. May in as keeper.

After going over his accounts yesterday, Mr. Norman could not give a definite idea last evening of how much the alleged shortage is, but he thought it was about $1500, and it was decided to make that amount the basis of the criminal proceedings.

Mr. Norman also caused an attachment to be placed on any funds that Pike had in the National Exchange bank, but his account there had been exhausted.

Mr. Norman was recently held up by two thugs in the Back Bay station at Boston. He clung to one, who was arrested.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

A PAID COACH

WANTED FOR THE HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Harvard Bulletin yesterday published a communication signed by 54 prominent Harvard graduates, petitioning for a paid football coach instead of the graduate coach who, for so many years has handled the Harvard teams.

"We believe," says the communication in part, "that a professional coach will no more affect the purely amateur standing of the team than does the paid trainer who looks after their physical condition or the professional instructor in the gymnasium."

ALTON B. PARKER

WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Alton Brooks Parker, formerly chief justice of the court of appeals, and democratic candidate for the presidency in the last election, was the guest of honor last night at a dinner given at the Waldorf-Astoria by the bench and bar of the city of New York. Republicans and democrats alike were present to honor the justice's return to the practice of law.

Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of the appellate division of the supreme court, was the presiding officer. The speakers included former Governor Frank S. Black, former Secretary of War Elihu Root, William B. Hornblower and Judge Parker.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Wm. T. Keogh's grand scenic production "The Child Wife" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music for three nights with daily matinees commencing this afternoon. The play is by Chas A. Taylor, one of the most successful writers of melodrama of the day. The characters and scenes have been taken from localities of New York City and New Hampshire, not yet used in the construction of a drama, so that an exceedingly entertaining story is the result. Love and passion are the dominant forces in the carrying out of the plot, which is strong in heart interest and thrilling situations. Great care has been used in the selection of the players and an exceptionally capable cast is promised. The scenic equipment, it is said, will excel any that has been seen here this season. There are nine big sets, painted from photographs of the places shown, the greatest of which is the one showing the Fall River Line steamer "Priscilla," passing through Hell Gate, and the rescue of the child-wife and her faithful husband during a raging storm.

CASTO THEATRE

Mrs. Tom Thumb, Count and Baron Magri, the world's famous miniature artists, head the program at the Casto this week, and their comedy entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow," is one of the daintiest and most enjoyable acts in vaudeville. The Lilliputians are seen to excellent advantage in this comedy in which is introduced solos, duets and trios, graceful dancing, an enjoyable pantomime, and a duel between the count and baron. The remainder of the program is composed of all comedy acts. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

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IS IN CONTEMPT

McBride Must Settle or Go to Jail

Patrick L. McBride of Lowell was adjudged in contempt of court by Judge Morton of the supreme court in Boston yesterday and ordered to pay a fine of $250 and costs, amounting to over $800, before noon, Dec. 29.

McBride claims he had a contract to make feed for Kemp's carding machine for seventeen years, but decided to make what he regarded as a better machine, and in violation of his contract began selling it. Kemp got an injunction to prevent McBride selling his machine and later got the judgment for contempt.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

HIS NAME IS BATTLING.

Kindly tell me in your next issue what "Battling" Nelson's first name is. We want to decide a bet.

A CONSTANT READER.

Nelson is of Dutch origin and his first name comes from that source.

SKATES and SLEDS

Make the children happy by giving them a Christmas present of a sled or a pair of our celebrated skates, every one is a racer, the coasting was never better and the ice is safe for skating. We keep all the best makes at lowest prices and we also have a line of

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Bargain for everybody.

FIVE BIG CABLES

Released 100 Ton Floating Derrick

WHICH CRASHED INTO STERN OF BATTLESHIP

Accident Will Delay Sailing of the Texas

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard in the basin of Wallabout bay yesterday and crashed into the stern of the battleship, smashing several plates and so injuring the vessel that she will have to go into dry dock.

In the basin when a fierce squall swept over it were the Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Tacoma and Minneapolis. The Hercules was securely tied to the Connecticut and was landing great armor plates on the decks. The strain caused by the heavy wind caused the cables to break and the derrick started up the bay towards the warships. The water was lashed into a white foam and the Hercules gained great momentum. The naval officials were thrown into panic.

The tugs Narkeeta and Pentucket were hastily despatched to catch the fleeing derrick, which was making directly for the Tacoma and Minneapolis, moored close together. When almost upon the ships the Pentucket caught the Hercules and made fast to her. Before the derrick could be controlled, it swung around and struck the Texas squarely in the sternpost.

With the assistance of the Narkeeta, the Hercules was towed out of harm's way and was soon tied up to the Connecticut, where the unloading of the armor plates was resumed. The Texas had been coaling preparatory to joining the coast squadron for the mid-winter cruise. Naval Constructor Baxter inspected the vessel, ordered the coaling stopped and made preparations for dry docking the battleship today.

Several days must elapse before the Texas can be prepared for her cruise.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

WELLEYKAT CLUB.

Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Durgin in East Chelmsford, the Welleykat club of this city held its annual mistletoe and leap year party. Various members entertained with songs and recitations. Miss Jessie Smith, the well known contralto singer of St. Paul's M. E. church sang "O Promise Me," in her usual finished manner. Mr. Waldemar Chase entertained the party with sleight-of-hand of unusual order of excellence. Miss Alice Shicks and Miss Emma Stanley rendered a pleasing duet. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Durgin, were presented with a silver combination pie knife and date fork. The party returned home early yesterday morning in Mr. Durgin's bob-sled.

THE BUFFALO RACES.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The winners of the professional bicycle races at city convention hall last night, were:

Five mile motor paced, Louis Mettling of Boston. Time—8.07 1-5.

Four mile motor paced: Nat Butler of Boston. Time—6.41 2-5.

Three mile motor-paced, Frank Caldwell, of Bristol, Conn. Time—5.00 2-5.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar

BOLD BURGLARS

Worked Back Bay Section in Broad Daylight

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Three bold daylight burglaries in the Back Bay section were reported to the police last night. Two suites in the apartment house at 25 Hemenway street were entered and jewelry and silverware valued at $125 stolen. The other break was at 5 Haviland street, where $100 worth of silverware was taken.

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Ladies' 20-year Gold Filled Watches	$10.00 to $18.00
Solid Gold Rings, our own make, for ladies or gentlemen	$2.00 to $12.00
Gilt Clocks	95c to $8.00
Best Alarm Clocks	75c
Kitchen Clocks, eight-day and alarm, best make, only	$2.98

Great variety in Stick Pins, Lockets, Chains, Charms, Brooches, Hat Pins, Necklaces, Solid Gold Links at very low price. Kindly give us a call and you will save at least 25 per cent.

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ONLY 4 more days left before the Great Holiday and if some of the melody of them Xmas Bells does not get into your home it will be because like the foolish virgins, you waited till the eleventh hour. We cannot impress upon you the advisability of doing your shopping in the morning. Early shopping is at any time best, for it gives you full choice of the day's offerings. It is also more comfortable and insures you a greater measure of attention from the salesman than can be had during the rush. Save your nerves. Get your Christmas shopping done.

GLITTERING WITH NEWNESS

Our big store actually shines at this time—Christmas time. All over the store the new Holiday Goods are eminent in all their fresh beauty. The immense stock embraces all that is best, choicest and richest in its broadest meaning in practical Holiday Gifts for men and boys. The splendid values we offer this week will be appreciated and will force great sales.

ATTRACTIVE FURNISHING NOVELTIES

Rich Silk Neckwear, in all the latest shapes, in Christmas boxes, if you wish	19c to $1.00
Fine Silk and Cashmere Square Mufflers	25c to $1.50
Pure China Silk Handkerchiefs	25c and 50c
Japonette Initial Handkerchiefs	10c Each, 50c per ½ Doz.
Newport Made-up Mufflers	50c to $1.50
Fur-lined, Silk-lined and Unlined Gloves	49c to $4.50
Fine Domet and Madras Pajamas	$1.00 and $1.50
Hemstitched Holiday Linen Handkerchiefs, initial and plain	5c to 50c
Beautiful House Coats	$4.00 to $8.00
Fine Worsted and Angora Gloves	48c ahd 75c
Christmas Links and Stick Pins	25c to $1.00
Immense stock of Fancy Vests	98c to $3.00
Elegant Bath Robes	$3.95 to $9.00
Gentlemen's and Ladies' Umbrellas	95c to $5.00
Large Assortment of Christmas Suspenders	25c to $1.50
Arm Bands in unlimited variety	25c to $1.00
Boys' Sweaters	45c to $1.50
Men's Sweaters	95c to $4.50
Best Brands Gift Shirts	48c to $1.50
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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Mr. Bryan's son has refused to apologize to his teacher and has been suspended in consequence. He says he has nothing to apologize for. Possibly Mr. Bryan will interpose to arbitrate the matter, but we surmise he will not ask the boy to apologize if as he says he has nothing to apologize for.

Japanese missionaries send out here an appeal for funds to help relieve the widows and dependents of those killed in battle. Coming from the missionaries, such a report may meet a kindly response, but any country which so cruelly sacrifices whole armies of men can ill afford to appeal to neutral powers for aid to the sufferers.

SPRINGFIELD'S TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The city of Springfield is to have a technical high school. That is a most desirable adjunct to the educational system of any city. It will prove the most popular of all schools inasmuch as many of the pupils who graduate from the ordinary high school find themselves without the means of subsistence after leaving school. Such a school will prevent boys from being spoiled by too much schooling that does not give them an opportunity to use their hands. Once they acquire the ability to use hand and brain in a practical way their future is secure.

TO STAMP OFF MOTH PEST.

The park commission should have that appropriation for stamping out the moth pests. Anybody who goes about the city can see what appears to be leaves still on some trees. These in most cases are the nests of the brown tail moths. It is quite easy to see them and easy to take them off but systematic work is needed to have the work carried over the entire city as it should be. The money should be made available by the city council without delay.

ENGAGEMENTS OF MARRIAGE.

We understand that some good friends of The Sun are highly indignant because we failed to publish a notice of engagement of marriage. Now as this is a frequent occurrence a word of explanation may be necessary. We have made it a rule not to publish such notices unless we know that both parties desire the publication.

Nearly every paper has been victimized by fictitious or premature notices of engagements. When a young lady changes her beau the fellow who got jilted is liable, out of spite, to announce that she is engaged to himself or somebody else equally objectionable. When that appears in the paper there is bound to be trouble. Nearly every paper has had its share. Hence it is absolutely necessary in order to guard against imposition not to publish any notices of engagements that are not fully certified and authenticated by both parties. If you want notices of engagements published in The Sun bring them in to the office and convince the editor or some member of the staff that they are authorized by both the parties and your engagement notices will be gladly published free of charge.

TO DIRECT IMMIGRATION WESTWARD.

The commissioner of immigration proposes to do what he can to direct immigrants to settle upon waste lands or at least to steer clear of the large centres of population. But the commissioner has undertaken an impossible task for the people will go where they please despite his warning. There will still be a fair proportion of the immigrants from farming districts in Sweden and Germany to go out to the farming districts of the West, but as for the others the prospect of prompt employment and good pay where relatives or friends settled before them, will be the great magnet to draw them to the cities so as to seek the assistance of friends in making a start here. A government information bureau that will assist them in finding out where they might settle who have no preference to begin with would be a valuable institution, and it is hoped it will be established at Ellis island.

HAD WE A MUNICIPAL SANTA CLAUS.

Suppose we had a municipal Santa Claus who would undertake to supply at least some of the longings of poor children, what a myriad of applications he would receive. The postoffices of the large cities and even our own receive a very large number of communications from children addressed to Santa Claus. Some are directed to Iceland, some to large cities such as New York, and some to the Bon Marche. The requests made in these letters are very earnest, very pathetic, and we can imagine how anxiously the writers await the arrival of the things sought, for they all have an abiding faith that good old Santa Claus never refuses any such request.

But as we have no municipal Santa Claus, and as the poor children are, therefore, unable to send in their appeals, let those who can afford it make glad the hearts of the little ones to whom a new toy will bring an ecstacy of delight. What is more touching than the wistful look of the penniless boy in to one of the store windows filled with Christmas toys. There is just one thing that appeals more strongly to sympathy and that is the spectacle of the poor, ragged and hungry boy gazing through glass at the cookies, the pastry and confectionery to which he is a total stranger and which he has no means to purchase. To such a boy something to satisfy his appetite would be more appreciated than all the toys in creation.

REPUBLICANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SMOOT.

The republicans now conducting the investigation into the abomination of Mormonism are affecting a lofty and noble virtue in pushing the investigation to the bottom and in this they have the approval of the country at large and of all parties. The fact that the following oaths are brought out as taken by all the disciples of Joseph Smith justifies the most searching inquiry:

"That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue torn out.

"That the breast be cut asunder and the heart and vitals be torn from the body.

"That the body be cut asunder at the middle and the bowels cut out.

"That if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church.

"Another obligation was one that we would never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon the nations of the earth."

It is just as well to remember that the party that is now extorting these oaths from unwilling witnesses is the same that four years ago through Mark Hanna and the republican national committee formed an alliance with the Mormon hierarchy under which the present Senator Reed Smoot now sits in the senate as a republican and a standpatter. Would it not be well to bring out the provisions of the bargain in order to show who is responsible for Smoot's presence, and to show that the republican party now that Hanna is dead and that Roosevelt has been triumphantly elected is recding from its promises?

SEEN AND HEARD

The snow fall of Sunday made a good many youngsters happy for there is good coasting on all the hills throughout the city.

Pat Keegan, the Lowell pedal pusher, was the only rider in the six day race to ride a pair of straight forks on his machine. Last year Keegan and Munroe were the only ones who used the racing machines.

The down town merchants who are keeping open every night this week, in order not to conflict with the 58-hour law, are allowing their help afternoons and evenings off so that they will not work over the maximum time during the week.

Harry Sanders, Chief Hosmer's driver, can generally tell when a fire alarm is going to ring in. He is not gifted with second sight, but gauges fires on a scheme of his own. Every time he starts to wash his wagon there is sure to be a fire alarm. Very often when the writer has dropped into the central station and Harry is in the act of washing his wagon he will say: "Wait around a minute and you will get a ride to a fire". Nine times out of ten his prediction is right.

There are two men in this city who have been in the habit of going hunting and fishing with Thomas Hoban of the Lowell inn and not until within a comparatively few days have they had a fault to find with Mr. Hoban as a companion in the field, lake or forest. He is a good angler, a crack shot and he knows where to go to get good results. The last trip that the trio made, however, rather lowered Mr. Hoban in the estimation of the other two. They had been in the woods about two hours and had tramped a good few miles when suddenly Mr. Hoban stopped and with hand upraised shouted "There is a gray. He has gone up that big chestnut, over yonder."

"I see him, I see him!" shouted one of Mr. Hoban's companions.

"I see him, too," said the other fellow, and then it was bang, bang, bang, bang. Both men carried double barreled guns and they emptied the four barrels at the squirrel. The squirrel hung from the tree but did not fall. "I shot him," said the first man. "You're a liar, I did," said the second and Mr. Hoban was rolling on the ground laughing as he never laughed before.

The first man had reloaded his gun and the second fellow said:

"Why doesn't that d—n squirrel let go and come down?"

"I don't know," said the other fellow. "I guess we didn't touch him."

"You lie, I hit him because I saw the fur fly," said the second fellow as he hastily pushed a cartridge into his gun.

Divining his purpose the first man banged away again at the squirrel and while the little fellow's body swung back and forth, he still clung to the limb.

"You can have the d—n squirrel, if you want," said the man who had fired two shots to the man who had fired four.

Tom Hoban couldn't speak. He had laughed so much and so hard that his condition was really serious. Finally Tom Johnson appeared on the scene and he allowed that the squirrel had a death grip on the limb and the only way to get him would be to climb up after him. The fellow who fired the four shots decided he would climb the tree. It was a terrible task and he almost ruined his clothes in the attempt. He finally arrived at the limb where the squirrel was suspended.

He looked at the squirrel and then, looking down at Tom Hoban said: "D—n you, Hoban. If I had my gun here I'd pepper you."

"What's the matter?" queried Tom Johnson innocently.

"What's the matter?" echoed the man in the tree, "why this —— squirrel is wired to the limb and unless Tom Hoban shoots me before I get out of this tree, I'll shoot him when I get down where you are."

Mr. Hoban had laughed himself into a weakness that almost forbid his moving, but when he heard the threat from the tree he started for the clearance at a pace that made Tom Johnson hustle. The fellow who had discharged two shots at the wired squirrel felt a bit sore, but the joke was so heavy on the other fellow that he was almost satisfied with what had happened. Mr. Hoban did not lose any time in getting to Lowell and he did not meet the other fellows until a day or two later. Then they had a few words, the cigars were passed around and Mr. Hoban was forgiven. He explained to them that the squirrel was three weeks old, that he had held it for the purpose for which it was used and that it was Tom Johnson who wired the little gray fellow to the limb.

CREDITORS' APPEAL

WANT CLAIMS AGAINST SULLY & CO. SET ASIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Application was made yesterday by small creditors, reinforced by Edward Hawley and Frank H. Ray to have nearly three million dollars worth of claims against Daniel J. Sully and Company set aside. This would permit Mr. Sully to pay nearly a hundred cents on the dollar.

In this latest phase of the Sully litigation, Magrane Cox, referee in bankruptcy, is asked to direct the trustee of the property, David H. Miller, to have the cotton exchange claims expunged and dissolved. There are sixty three of these attached to the petitions, which represent sums due to various firms as a result of transactions in cotton. The total amount is $2,953,365.52.

Demand is also made that an equity, valued at $150,000 in the Sully residence, which stands in Mrs. Sully's name, be sold, and also the furniture valued at $100,000 and jewels valued at $100,000.

ARTHUR G. POLLARD

APPOINTED TRUSTEE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

At the meeting of the executive council yesterday afternoon Gov. Bates nominated Dr. George W. Field of Sharon as a member of the fish and game commission to succeed Capt. Joseph W. Collins, deceased. Dr. Field will be chairman of the board.

The governor named John H. Manning of Pittsfield to continue as a member of the state highway commission.

Other nominations were as follows: M. F. D'Arcy, Andover, trustee of the Danvers insane asylum, in place of W. H. Sullivan, resigned; Thomas F. Maloney, Fall River, member of the board of registration in veterinary medicine (reappointment); Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, trustee of the Massachusetts agricultural college, in place of E. W. Wood, who declined reappointment; Herbert S. Morley, Baldwinsville, state trustee of the hospital cottages for children, in place of Merrick Benis, deceased.

VESSEL SUNK

IN ORDER TO SAVE HULL AND MACHINERY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 The ferryboat Paunpeck was practically destroyed by fire last night in Hoboken. The vessel was sunk to save the hull and machinery. The hulk will be raised. The Paunpeck was in collision with a Hudson river steamboat on Dec. 3, when several persons were injured and a man is believed to have lost his life. She has since been tied up at the Fourteenth street slip for repairs.

FAVORS TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—The necessity for a technical school for the training of the young men in the art of shoe making was emphasized by John H. Cross, a shoe manufacturer of Lynn in an address before the Boot and Shoe club at the Hotel Brunswick last night.

The topic for discussion was "Good shoe making" and the speakers, in addition to Mr. Cross, were John H. Hanna, of Brooklyn and J. Warren Murray of Lynn.

Mr. Cross placed himself on record as in favor of higher wages and a higher standard of workmanship.

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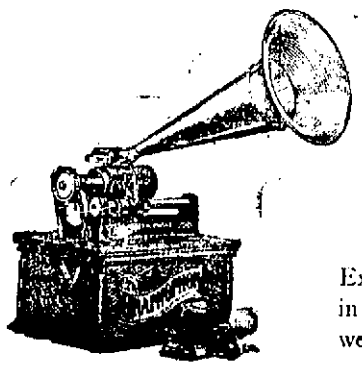

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Satin Lined Polo	35c
New Automobiles	50c
Handsome Camel's Hair Tams	35c to 50c
Stocking Caps, Skating Caps and Camel Hair Toques	35c to 50c
Buster Brown Toques	50c
Cloth Tams, single and double band	50c to $1.25

New Sweaters for Little Children and Large Boys

All Wool Sweaters, for children 3 years to 6. Open on the shoulder or made in Norfolk jacket style, in blue, red and white, for 65c, 85c and $1.00

Oxford Sweaters, size 24 to 34 45c

All Wool Sweaters, size 24 to 34, all colors, turtle neck or roll collar 95c

Worsted Sweaters, Oxford, garnet and navy, sizes 24 to 34 $1.50

LEGEND OF SANTA

Strikes Deep Into Soil of Actual History

While some parents seek to rob their little ones of the delight that comes to them because of their love and veneration for good old Santa Claus, such parents striving to impress upon the childish mind that Santa Claus is a myth, there are other parents who seek to embellish the legend of Santa Claus, thus adding to their own pleasures and of the little ones.

In reality, the whole legend of Santa Claus is one that strikes its roots deep down into the soil of actual history, and is fraught with the richest human significance.

Somewhere about the year 300 A. D. there was born in Patara, Lycia, an infant of such supernatural piety from the start that, on being submitted immediately after birth to his first bath, he forthwith stood up erect in the tub, clasped his little hands together and devoutly "thanked God for his being." Naturally enough, his parents conceived high hopes of his future saintliness—hopes, however, which only a week later seemed threatened with cruel blight. On the arrival of this ensuing day, the infant absolutely refused his mother's breast. Hour went by after hour, and still the little one inflexibly rejected every proffer of nourishment. He must die then of starvation, and that only a week after so glorious a rainbow of promise as had overarched his devout attitude in his first bathtub! Thus in tears of desolation, the day went by, until, at the exact minute of its close, the half-fainting infant suddenly took with ravenous hunger to his mother's breast and pulled away like a good fellow. And now in an instant all was revealed to his ecstatic parents. It was Friday, and so fast day, and here was only a fresh manifestation of the child's supernatural precocity of piety.

Well, little Nicholas—for so he was named—went on as he had begun, until in due time he became a veritable saint, consecrating his life to the care of orphaned children and poor, portionless girls. He was made bishop of Myra, and after his death solemnly canonized. Both in the annals of the Greek and Latin churches no saint was ever so popular, till it is hard to think of a Czar of Russia not named Nicholas, while many of the most beautiful pictures of the Italian masters portray his gracious figure with a poor forlorn child hanging to either hand.

Of course, the love and veneration of such a saint could not be confined to southern Europe or to the inheritance in Russia of the fame and titles of the eastern Roman Empire. In due season, his name and worship were carried into the forests and among the rude peoples of Germany and Holland. But, inevitably, there is such a thing in this world as what the artists call "local color"—an influence affecting saints quite as much as sinners. Among these burly and boisterous Teutons and Batavians, the tender, refined saint of southern Italy became a broad-shouldered, deep-lunged, ruddy faced, jovial-natured Northman, while still retaining his old exuberant love of children. There was he canonized as St. Nicholaus, or Santa Klaus. And as such he visits our little ones every Christmas eve, all past racial history circulating in the red blood of his heart and resounding in the contagion of his rollicking laugh. What, abolish this rich concrete personality in behalf of any barren, gaderind abstraction of sawdust rationalism? Perish rather the whole blasphemous system of the so-called "Higher Criticism"!!!

MIDDLESEX NORTH

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MET IN TEWKSBURY YESTERDAY.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society met at Tewksbury Centre Congregational church yesterday. It was the December institute and the attendance was large, delegations being present from Lowell, Billerica, Wilmington, Dracut, Chelmsford, Tyngsboro, Dunstable and Westford.

The morning session opened at 10.30 o'clock with George W. Trull of Tewksbury, presiding officer. The records of the November meeting were read by Secretary W. C. MacIlrayne and were approved.

George H. Taylor of Twelfth street, Lowell, gave a most interesting and instructive illustrated lecture, his subject being "London From the Top of a 'Bus." Hon. W. E. Badger of Lowell, manipulated the slides.

At noon, dinner was furnished by the Woman's Guild of the entertaining church, grace being said by Rev. Mr. Minchin. About 200 guests were served.

Speeches followed by the Rev. F. M. Pickles and Mr. George H. Taylor, both of Lowell, Prof. A. H. Kirkland, M. S., of Boston, and Rev. Mr. Minchin.

The afternoon session commenced at 1.45 o'clock and the speaker was Prof. A. H. Kirkland of Boston, consulting entomologist, whose theme was "The Gypsy and Brown-Tail Moths." The address was illustrated by about 100 fine views, showing the ravages of these destructive tree-pests. Mr. Kirkland urged the necessity of cutting off all twigs where nests are seen and burning them, that being the only sure way of destroying them. The work should be done during the winter months.

Questions were asked by those interested, and they were answered by Mr. Kirkland, who explained methods to be employed.

The next institute will be held the third Wednesday in January at Odd Fellows' hall, Centralville, when it is expected that Pomona grange will furnish a turkey dinner.

The schools of Tewksbury were dismissed at one o'clock, in order to allow the teachers to attend the institute.

SIX TABLETS

UNVEILED AT OBSERVANCE OF FOREFATHERS' DAY.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The "Forefathers' Day" observance at the First church (Unitarian) yesterday, was marked by the unveiling of six tablets erected therein in memory of some of the founders of the commonwealth and early members of the church. The tablets unveiled yesterday are erected to the memory of Sir Henry Vane, Anne Hutchinson, Sir John Leverett, Simon Bradstreet, Anne Bradstreet and John Endicott.

Rev. James Eells, the pastor of the church, spoke briefly of the tablets previously erected and then for the tablets just unveiled.

All the tablets were erected by descendants of those whose memory they honor.

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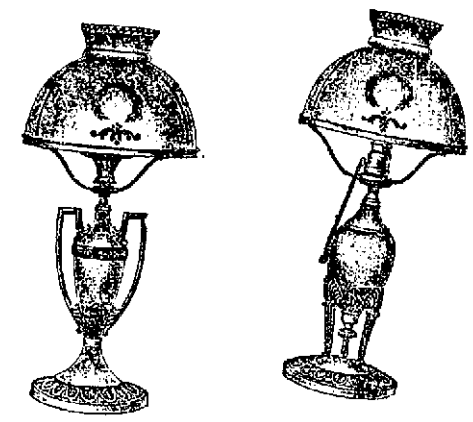

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NATICK BEATEN

Haverhill Turns the Trick Once More

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE HAS DISBANDED

Newburyport and Lowell to Clash Tonight

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22—Haverhill defeated Natick at city hall last evening by a score of 45 to 29, outplaying the visitors in every department of the game and continuing the long string of victories on the home floor.

At the end of the first period Haverhill led by a score of 16 to 5, and increased this lead by one point in the second period the score being 29 to 27.

At the start of the third period, Haverhill played loosely, and Natick crawled up, but their good work was only temporary, for the local players pulled themselves together and finished the period strongly.

Wachter and Doyle did some fine shooting for the baskets, and Fogarty and Ferat excelled for the visitors. Williamson played all around Hough, although the latter secured three baskets, but all on easy chances directly under the hammock. The summary:

HAVERHILL	NATICK
Lew rf	lb Mayham
Williamson lf	rb Hough
Wachter c	c Mulliner
Doyle rb	rf Fogarty
Kennedy lb	rf Ferat

Score, Haverhill 45, Natick 29. Goals from floor, Doyle 9, Kennedy 1, Wachter 8, Williamson, Hough 3, Fogarty 5, Ferat 4, Mayham, Mulliner. Points from fouls, Haverhill, Natick. Referee O'Neill, Timers, Driscoll and Pettee. Time three 15m periods. Attendance 400.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE PLAYERS

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22—The New England basketball association held a meeting in this city yesterday afternoon, when the players from the Connecticut league, which has disbanded, were assigned as follows: Field and Kelleher to Lowell, and Qualey, Devlin and Allard to Amesbury. Horan, who was assigned to Amesbury at the first of the season, and who joined the connecticut league, was suspended. An application was received from Portsmouth, N. H., for the admission to the league, but no action was taken on it.

The followers of the game have not got through talking yet of that victory over Natick. It is as Toby Matthews said at the beginning of the week, the local team is out to do things this week and there will be no surprise if they go through without a defeat.

Newburyport will play here tonight and the game should be a winning attraction as the visitors are putting up a fast game and hold a position ahead of Lowell in the league standing. They have always been a tough proposition and certainly will make the home team go to the limit to win. The game will be played in Associate hall.

"Jack" O'Neil, the old Burke player, has been appointed a referee and should make good for he understands the game as well as any of them. "Jack" got his training from Jimmie Redmond and that is sufficient guarantee of his worth.

Reserved seats for all games are on sale at Ellingwood's two days before the date of the contest. For the accommodation of ladies and their escorts a special section of the gallery is reserved each evening.

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DON'T SHOOT WIFE

Judge Gave Prisoner Strange Advice

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—Peculiarly sharp advice was that given by Judge Wilbur yesterday to Charles Hill, whom he sentenced to prison for one year. Hill imagined that he had a cancer and bothered his wife with his imaginary symptoms, which she knew were wholly due to dyspepsia. One evening a few weeks ago he turned upon her, exclaiming: "I might just as well do it now as any time. I've got to do it." Then he fired a bullet into her face and tried to blow out his own brains. The weapon was hardly better than a toy, and painful wounds alone resulted. Hill expressed a wish that he had done a better job.

In sentencing Hill, the court advised him that if he wanted to kill himself, drowning or throwing one's self before a locomotive were better ways than to hold a pistol to a woman's head and then, to escape consequences, try to blow out his brains.

LOSES $1000

RAILWAY COMPANY ROBBED BY ITS EMPLOYES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The New York City Railway Company loses fully $1000 a day through an illegal system of transfers, according to a statement made yesterday by the company's chief inspector in a police court.

The inspector appeared as the complainant against four men who had been arrested charged with using transfers which they had solicited from persons in the street. The men pleaded ignorance of the transfer law, but were each held in $100 bail for trial.

In presenting the case to the court the inspector said he had unearthed a system in a big department of the company where the employees, by exchanging and remunching transfers, were defrauding the company out of no less than $1000 a day.

FOR BIGAMY

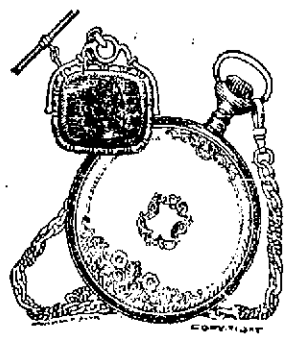
PROVIDENCE MAN SENT TO JAIL FOR 18 MONTHS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22—Harry C. Smith, who was sentenced to prison for 18 months by Judge Wilbur yesterday for bigamy, offered as an excuse for taking more wives than the law allows that his first and lawful wife didn't suit him because she had a cold and unlovable nature. He wanted a wife who was warm-hearted, and when wife No. 1 (who was Mary E. Morton of this city) was nursing a new-born babe Smith went to another part of Cranston last September and married Carrie M. Robinson.

Smith informed the court that wife No. 2 was much more agreeable, which remark elicited a suggestion that where the respondent was going to he would find plenty of "cold" nature.

FACTORY BURNED.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 22.—Henry A. Dix's wrapper factory was destroyed by fire today entailing a loss of $40,000. Two hundred and twenty-five girls are thrown out of employment. The fire originated in the engine room.



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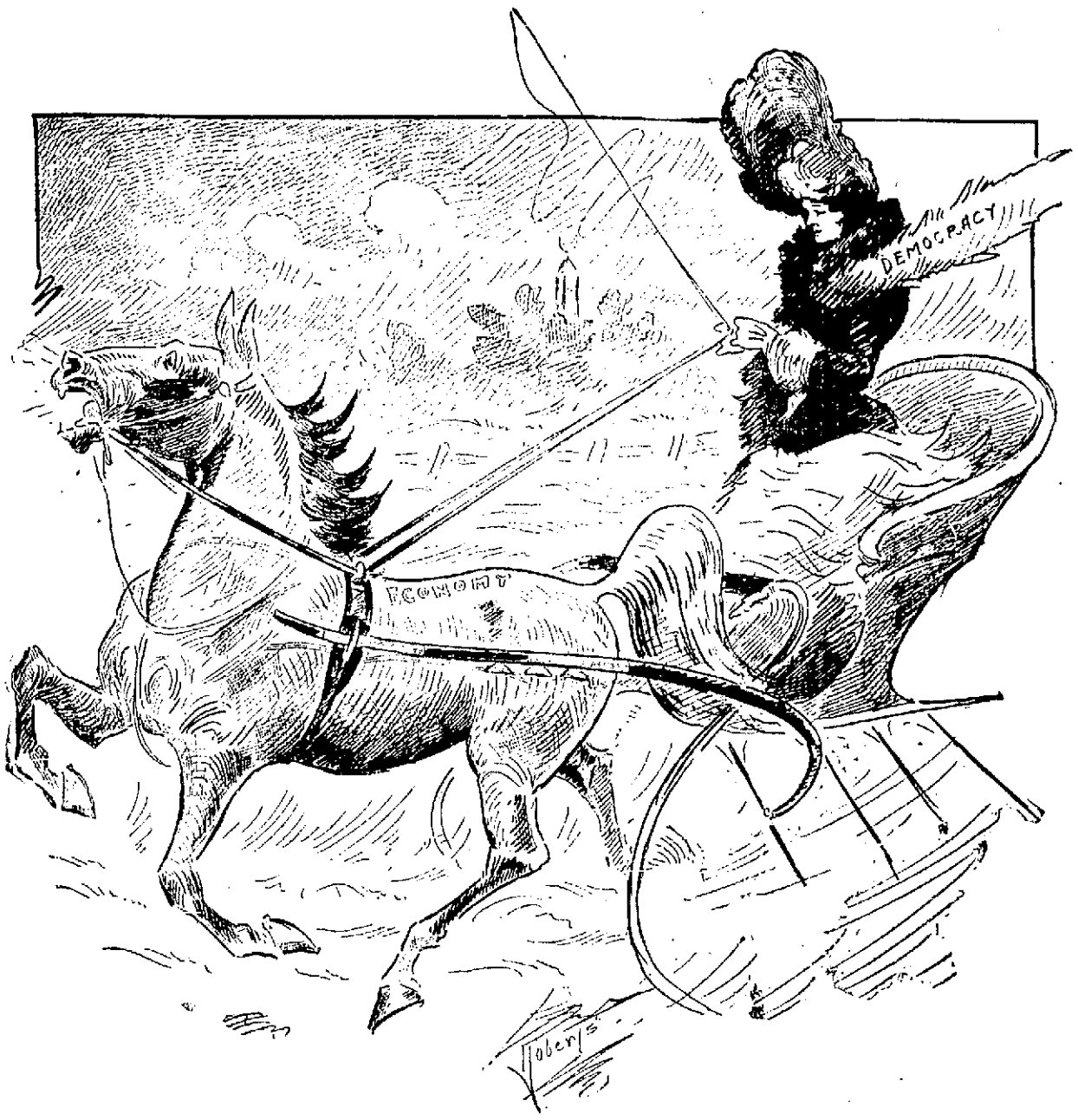

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle merrily;
How pleased are we to see her drive the steed Economy.

TWO WERE KILLED

Train Crashed Into Passenger Coaches

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 22.—In a collision between a train of empty passenger coaches and a freight at Tamarac, 100 miles west of here, Conductor Savage and Engineer Sheridan were killed. Fireman Reid and a Mr. Southwick of Sudbury were injured. Both locomotives were entirely demolished and two passenger coaches were burned.

STARVING MAN

IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION IN HAVERHILL.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22.—Thomas O'Connor, claiming Pittsfield as his home, fell on Merrimack street last night, suffering from heart failure. He was taken into the store and revived, when he said that he had not had a meal for two days and was completely exhausted. He was given a supper by the police and later taken to the police station as a lodger. He was there last night for lodgings, having been found about the streets by Officer Donoghue, to whom he said he was 42 years old and the black sheep of a well-to-do family.

It was found upon examination at the station house later that he was in a very serious condition, and he was taken to the City hospital.

GOVERNOR BATES

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A dinner was given to Governor and Mrs. John L. Bates by the executive councillors of 1903 and 1904 at the Touraine last evening.

About 30 plates were set in the state suite, which was decorated with green and white.

Among those present were Lieutenant-Governor Curtis Guild and Mrs. Guild, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Slade of Fall River, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Maxwell of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hong of Chelsea, Mr. Jeremiah J. McNamara and daughter of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. David I. Robinson of Gloucester, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Lowe of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Irwin of Northampton, Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Nickerson of Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Hall of Taunton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Sullivan of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jewett of Salem.

Mrs. Bates was gowned in white duchesse lace trimmed with seed pearls and Mrs. Guild in pale champagne colored chiffon trimmed with applique.

This is the second time that a dinner has been allowed to be given at the Touraine. The first occasion was that of a dinner to President Roosevelt.

JUDGE DEWEY

WILL BE IN CHARGE OF INAUGURAL PARADE.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Judge Henry S. Dewey is expected to be the leading military figure at the inauguration on Jan. 5, when Governor Douglas takes the oath of office.

Judge Dewey has the rank of brigadier-general. In case that Adjutant-General Dalton retires from the service, which is now his intention, and the adjutant-general is expected to report that fact two days in advance of the inauguration to Governor Bates.

General Miles expects to be on the ground on inauguration day, and will wear the uniform of a lieutenant-general of the United States army, although not in his official capacity.

The former commander of the United States army is expected to arrive in Boston today and have a conference with Governor Douglas as to the staff appointments.

Already arrangements have been made for announcing the governor-elect by Battery A of a dozen men, who will fire the salutes in honor of that event as is the custom. General Dalton has made no objection to the procedure in this particular case, as he intends to resign.

The preparations for inauguration day, which have not yet been completed, indicate that General Miles, whom Governor Douglas has designated as chief of staff, will be present, however, whether the war department issues the permit or not.

The first official act of Governor Douglas will be to name the military staff and make an official request of the war department to have General Miles assigned to his staff.

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DRESSED AS MAN

Girl Compelled to Travel With Uncle

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22.—J. W. Lawrence, a middle-aged bachelor, is under arrest here charged with abducting from her home his 17-year-old niece, Lole Minard, compelling her to disguise her sex and travelling over the country with her in a prairie schooner for nearly a year.

Lawrence was visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Minard, at Concordia, Kan., last March, and became enamored of her pretty young daughter. When he left Concordia he took the girl with him, compelling her to don male attire and to submit to having her hair cropped close. Thus disguised she accompanied him in his wanderings over the country, passing everywhere as a young man. Lawrence maintains stoutly that his relations with the girl have been perfectly proper. He will be taken back to Kansas for trial.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Futures opened easy. Dec. 7.18, Jan. 7.21, Feb. ofd. 7.32, March 7.40, April 7.42 bid, May 7.50, June 7.61, July 7.64, Aug. 7.63 @ 7.65, Sept. —, Oct. 7.60 @ 7.65.

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WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES ROUND

Christmas

KATE CLYDE Mentions Some Things Which Should Not Be Given as Presents. Sartorial Fancies of the Moment--Advance Information on Spring Fashions -:- -:- -:-

THE colored photograph has proved very popular this year for a Christmas present, but if you think coloring photographs is easy you want to try it the way a girl I know did.

She gave every friend she owned a photograph of herself in tastefully colored fancy dress she had had the photographs a long time, and, to tell you the honest truth, she wanted to get rid of them. She thought she really was practicing economy. It turned out to be anything but economy in the end. For a week she lived in an atmosphere of paint and mucilage her nails were never clean, and she usually had a smudge of paint from the corner of her mouth to her ear because she held her brush between her teeth. In addition, she spilled a bowl of "painty" water on her best table scarf, and every shirt waist in her possession was decorated with a spot or so. The last but not least of her mishaps was a nice little doctor's bill because she would persist in passing her paint brush between her lips whether it had green paint on it or not. Between the doctor, the paint she used and the things the paint spotted she came to the conclusion that those same Christmas presents were not particularly cheap.

Passing her paint brush between her lips.

Old fashioned holiday week parties are right in vogue both for those who have the good luck to spend the Christmas holidays in the country and for the less fortunate ones who have to stay in town. In the latter case a room is decorated in as rustic a fashion as possible so as to suggest the living room of a farmhouse, and all sorts of old fashioned games are indulged in by way of amusement. Each game has prizes, of course.

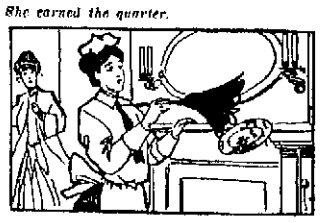
The prizes for an old fashioned spelling bee were shown to me yesterday. They are very new fashioned dictionaries only an inch square and inclosed in tiny aluminum cases, each having an oval magnifying glass in its cover. Of course the little dictionary is printed in such tiny characters that it can only be read with the aid of this magnifying glass. But think how convenient to carry around in one's pocketbook!

Useless Christmas gifts.

I can't bear the people who give me useless Christmas presents, like paper cutters, for instance. Who ever uses a paper cutter? The leaves of all books come cut nowadays, and as for the magazines, a hairpin is always more convenient because you have it right there, even if it is not so elegant. I have three paper cutters now, and all they do for me is to get lost and stepped on.

Handkerchief cases are another nuisance. Who ever puts handkerchiefs into a handkerchief case, unless it is some very prim old maidy person? I'm sure I never should bother. Glove boxes are quite another matter. A glove box is both pretty and useful if it matches your dressing table in shade. The trouble is that most people never think of that trifle, and they don't mind sending you a perfect fear of a lavender covered box when everything you have is as

She earned the quarter.



pink as pink can be, from the big fat pincushion to the narrow ribbon on your lamb's wool powder puff.

Well, most women don't care anyway. It's a present, and you ought to be glad to get it; that's all there is to it.

For my part, I like gifts of a practical or personal nature, things I can wear or put up in the room. Still even that sort of gift has its disadvantages. Look at Bessie Flutterly, poor, but with exquisite taste, and she always has some awful Christmas present from her rich Aunt Jane which she has to wear out. Last year it was a very handsome satin waist; but, oh, horrors, of a bright shade of purple! As poor Bessie was wearing a dark red tailor made in those days just fancy how she looked!

Then, too, speaking of things one can put around the room, I shall never forget the year Susan Faddy had the mania for "hand painting" china. She sent me a small dish shaped like a funeral urn and painted with anaemic looking buttercups which she told me was to go on my mantelpiece. Well, of course, it went there—it had to, for Susan is a very good friend of mine—but it managed, to slip behind a fat photograph, and on the third day I gave the maid a hint that if she knocked it off accidentally in dusting she would receive a quarter.

Her ruffle was trailing on the ground.

She earned the quarter before the day was out, and, of course, I was "awfully sorry."

Contrast in Furs.

The fur lined coat is a feature of the winter's fashions. For evening wear in gray, tan or white it is charming, particularly when relieved by a collar of prettily contrasting fur—for instance, a champagne colored cloth will be relieved with a collar of dark marten, while a pale blue garment will have a collar of moleskin.

Gray chiffon velvet is much used for gowns and for evening coats. Black is, of course, always in good taste, and, owing to its glossiness, it is not nearly so somber as the ordinary velvet.

Hats are growing a little larger, especially for dressy wear. I have seen two imported models recently which I consider very smart. One was a straight brimmed shape of pale blue panne velvet. For sole trimming it had a huge ruche of three shades of tulle—pale blue, heliotrope and pale pink. The other hat was of pale pink tulle and Irish lace, with two pale pink ostrich tips drooping over the brim on the left side and a moss rosebud falling against the hair.

By the way, moss roses are the latest millinery fad.

Hairdressing is undergoing another change. Smart women are no longer confining themselves to the figure 8. In fact, there is a distinct epidemic of braids. A favorite way is to braid the hair into two pigtails and to cross them in front, forming a sort of crown effect all around the head. The other way consists in making a single braid and winding it around and around into a flat pancake arrangement at the back of the head. This requires a fancy back comb above it.

MRS. ROBERT J. WYNNE.

The wife of the United States postmaster general is a handsome, youthful appearing matron who does not look as if she was married almost thirty years ago and is the mother of four children—two sons and two daughters. She was Miss Mary McCabe of Washington and doubtless little dreamed in 1875, when she was married to Robert John Wynne, a telegrapher, that Robert John Wynne would become postmaster general of the United States and be high in the confidence of the president.

It goes without saying that all the smart belts are wide this season and that you are decidedly out of it if you dare to wear a narrow one. While a good many white belts are worn with white waists and skirts, yet some flowered ribbon is also seen made up into very Frenchy looking girdles. In fact, these flowered belts, done up in tissue paper daintily tinted boxes to correspond, have formed more than one Christmas gift this season.

The worst freak of fashion which has shocked my eyes for a long time I witnessed yesterday. It was a three-quarter box coat of gray and white mottled leather which looked perilously like snakeskin, and also a toque and muff of the same. This, mind you, was supposed to be very elegant.

An Awkward Mishap.

Thank heaven, they have at last ceased to sew silk petticoats on drop stitch machines! Never shall I forget the mortification of a friend of mine, and incidentally of myself, for I was with her. She caught her heel in the ruffle of her petticoat, and the strain must have started the seam, for it began to rip. Before we had gone half a block it was trailing on the ground, and before we could stop it seemed to me that the whole ruffle, with yards of thread, was wound around her feet. She did the only thing possible—picked it up and tucked it into her muff. Fortunately it was a large muff.

Our old friend the seal is once more enjoying favor. Yes, it was a bit out of style; respectable and rich, if you will, but out of the height of style. The main reason for its return, I'm thinking, is that furriers are using more discretion in the way they make it up. They are following mainly the box coat model and giving up the attempt to make a tight fitting seal coat. Tight fitting seal coat! Save the mark! Did you ever see one? Of all the disfiguring articles it is the worst. It can't be tight fitting; that's all there is to it. And when the attempt is made it causes a woman to look like a cross between a grampus and an elephant.

Just a little hint to you. When you have your sealskin coat made over next have a collarless effect outlined with an application of flat black silk braid. It will make you look less "chunky," and, besides, you can wear a chinchilla or an ermine stole with it and thus vary the sameness. Also if you want to add to the fancy effect have your sleeves made with wide, bell cuffs and fill them with very deeply tinted ecru lace.

It is these fancy touches which relieve the somberness of a fur garment.

It seems to me that a gray cloth gown is about the most practical dress a woman can have, for it may be used during the winter on a good many occasions when a velvet dress would be much too elaborate, and if made close fitting, with a trimming of passementerie or dyed lace, it is ultra chic for spring wear without a coat. A costume of gray or champagne cloth is most useful in April and May, and the wise woman bears this in mind when planning her midwinter wardrobe.

I have seen some advance spring styles in fancy neckwear, and the oddest thing is a flat stole made of gray chiffon velvet having its ends beautifully embroidered with pale pink roses and decorated with gray and pink fringes. How dainty this would be worn with a gray cloth gown and a gray straw and chiffon hat trimmed with pink roses!

KATE CLYDE.

A BUSINESS WOMAN'S COSTUME.

A business woman must be economical. She has not hundreds of dollars to spend upon her wardrobe; consequently if she is wise she finds out what color is the most becoming and buys an office gown of that color and uses it as the foundation upon which she builds her system of dress. This color scheme makes it possible to wear one hat with various articles of clothing without appearing radiantly dressed like a bird of paradise, and nothing in a business woman's office dress is more destestable than finery. Simplicity, cleanliness, harmony, are the three qualities essential to the business woman's wardrobe. It is not so much how many clothes the business woman possesses as it is the kind of clothing she wears and her general appearance.

Good advice to the busy woman who has little time to give to the consideration of fripperies would be: Leave fancy things alone and content yourself with the smart and useful stock and collar which are now in vogue with all the severer styles of dress. It takes only two minutes to tie the bow neatly or to slip a clean and dainty, prettily embroidered collar on to a blouse or bodice.

A muslin fichu can be worn in the evening, but it requires skill and leisure to arrange it. To be picturesque is charming, but never let your fancy for the picturesque degenerate into untidiness or unsuitability.

WOMEN AS CHIMNEY SWEEPS.

The vocations to which latter day women are devoting their energies are increasing in number, and realms unthought of before are being invaded. A guild or union of women chimney sweeps has been started in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Its founder is the widow of a sweep blessed with six daughters. All seven belong to the guild and are active members. No woman chimney sweep is to be less than fourteen years old nor more than thirty-five, but girl assistants may be admitted at eight years. As soon as a sweep marries she must leave the guild. All must sign the temperance pledge and be members of the Orthodox (Greek) church.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

Since the beginning of the current school year forty-eight women teachers of Baltimore have resigned in order to get married. An inquiry has been started to find if similar conditions exist elsewhere.

Ellen E. Kenyon Warner

Educator and Student of Child Nature

TWO impudent little English sparrows sit upon the rim of the iron fire escape and turn their heads brassily this way and that to leer at me out of their bright, small eyes. To me they are only impudent little English sparrows, and that ends it. But if Dr. Ellen E. Kenyon Warner instead of me saw them she would draw from them lessons in natural history, mercifulness to birds, language expression, culture of the imagination and maybe a combined lesson in

DR. ELLEN E. KENYON WARNER.

spelling, writing and singing besides. That is the way of the author of the series of beautiful "Culture Readers."

The "Culture Readers" are the result of years of study, observation and experience on the part of their author. She has been teacher, speaker, writer and editor. All her life she has been a student not on the surface of things either. On the following system she bases her work, literary and otherwise:

First.—Accumulation of data.

Second.—Examination, analysis, comparison, classification.

Third.—Generalization.

Always she makes sure of her facts, then goes ahead.

Her heart is in the common schools of her country, in which she is proud to have been educated. She was born and reared in Brooklyn and was promoted from pupil to teacher in its schools. For several years she was superintendent of a primary department. There she found great field for the study of that child nature she loves so well. Her mind, comprehensive, clear and exact, brushed aside the cobwebs of tradition in educational matters and went to the heart of the matter. She loved children; she was born with a gift for instructing, both as a teacher and writer. With it all she has infinite sense of humor, and these powers, gifts and faculties explain Ellen E. Kenyon Warner.

Before she left school Miss Kenyon began to write for publication. Her first contribution was a story in ten chapters called "Brother Jack and I." She was afraid to tell anybody about it. She wrote upon an upper corner of the manuscript her address, also the price asked for the story, $20—a huge price. She thought and mailed it to a juvenile magazine of which Jennie June Croly was editor. Nellie Kenyon was immediately surprised when a little later she received a letter informing her that "Brother Jack and I" was accepted and requesting her to call on Mrs. Croly to help arrange the illustrations.

To support herself through this ordeal Nellie took a school friend into her confidence and persuaded this friend to go with her to Mrs. Croly. When the two girls appeared before her gentle Jennie June looked Nellie Kenyon over from head to foot and said to her, "You are very young to have written that story." Thereupon Miss Kenyon made a statement which the friend tells on her to this day, a statement the most extraordinary that ever issued from the lips of feminine creature.

"Oh, I'm not so young as I look."

Meanwhile during the time Jennie June was talking to Nellie Kenyon the schoolmate, slyly edged near to the famous woman editor so that her own skirt might touch that of the editor. She did this in order that she might afterward cut out the piece of her skirt that touched Mrs. Croly's and keep it as a souvenir. Girls will be girls.

With this first success and similar ones that followed, for awhile the chances were about even whether Miss Kenyon would be a writer of fiction or an author dealing with philosophical and educational topics. She was drawn about equally both ways. When she became a teacher in the public schools the question was settled. Teacher she was and is, whether orally or in print.

The next step in authorship followed in an odd way after she began teaching. It came about through Miss Kenyon's sense of humor. The nook hole she and the other teachers in her building spent together. The district was one inhabited largely by an immigrant population, and the children's attempts at English speaking were at times fearful and wonderful. The school was also a continuous performance of amusing incident, incident duly reported to the coterie of teachers by Nellie Kenyon. Finally the auditors said:

"Nellie, you must write a book and put these things in it."

Nellie did. The little book was the beginning of her writing on school topics. She prepared during her years of teaching many papers on education treated from the philosophical point of view. She founded a magazine called the Primary School, the first American periodical devoted to the beginnings of children's education.

Her enthusiasm once aroused in this direction, the indefatigable little lady continued to work for the public school as it should be. She organized teachers' improvement associations. She continued writing educational papers, and they came to attract attention in Europe as well as here. Some of them were translated and printed in pedagogical journals in Germany. At length in 1893 Miss Kenyon became editor of the different educational periodicals issued by a publishing firm in New York. She also wrote entirely a department of the magazine, "Child Culture." She published a book called "The Coming School."

Meantime the value of her educational work and writing was becoming generally recognized, and she received from the University of New York the degree of doctor of pedagogy (Pd. D.).

In all her educational writing Mrs. Kenyon Warner goes to the bottom of things. In the teaching of little children she would have none of the artificial expedient of memory drill. She says:

"Reading is the most important of school subjects. By the method used in teaching a child to read his mental habits for life are affected. Reading should connect itself with all the interests of school and of life and should train the emotions and cultivate moral and aesthetic tastes. The school course in reading should tend toward a comprehensive and wholesome view of life itself."

This feminine Herbert Spencer of child education believes with the great sociologist himself that moral progress is achieved only by arousing the noble emotions. Mrs. Warner looked about for school readers which should do this, at the same time following the scientific method of induction and deduction in teaching children. She found none that to her mind filled the requirements, so took up the task of supplying the need herself.

Of the two "Culture Readers" already published the first, for very young children, deals with Mother Love. Here the author has gathered familiar nursery rhymes, fairy tales and stories "out of her own head" in such an attractive way that learning to read will be genuine play to a little one. At the same time all the lessons ring changes on the central theme, Mother Love.

The culture theme of the second reader is industry, treated in a similar manner. A manual for the teacher's use accompanies the books. In Mrs. Warner's scheme song is also an important part of child education. She says: "A song is literature and should be so rendered as to develop all its emotional values. Nervous, noisy singing strains the voice; hearty, joyous singing trains it. Songs like a lullaby may be used to calm children after mirth or boisterous play."

CHARLOTTE VAN BECK.

A GOWN OF BANANA VOILE.

Simplicity is the keynote of this attractive gown of dotted banana colored voile. The skirt is slightly folled about the waist and finished with three deep tucks at the hem. The bodice is surpliced and open in front to display a small vest of yellow lace. The collar and girdle are of amber panne velvet.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR POOR CHILDREN.

SIX children were left destitute in one of the few poor families in a wealthy and fashionable suburb. It was near Christmas. A benevolent lady, Miss Scripp, had the children on her mind, but was not able personally to do much to gladden them at the joyful Christmastide, for she herself was not rich. Her neighbors were, however, and Miss Scripp determined to make a canvass among them and secure gifts of food, clothing and money—anything that could be spared from a wealthy household to make Christmas merry for the Hobb children.

Miss Scripp gave notice to her neighbors of her charitable intention. All the ladies replied that they would rejoice to contribute. Two days before Christmas Miss Scripp sent a boy around with a pushcart to make collections. He returned with an assortment of bundles as large as that of a laundryman on Monday morning and not unlike it in outward appearance.

With pleased anticipation, Miss Scripp had the boy carry the parcels into her pretty little dining room. Then she began to overhaul their contents.

She began with the largest parcel. She uttered an exclamation of disappointment, vexation even, as there unfolded before her the remains of that ivory white chiffon gown which had done duty at parties two winters for Mrs. J. Van Blinker De Whytte. Its multitudinous flouncings hung in festoons; its accordion plaiting was battered and bulging like an antique umbrella; its front was stained with particles of feasts ranging from heavy dinners of state to after theater "snacks."

"How can that be cut down into warm coats and stockings for the poor little Hobbs?" murmured Miss Scripp as she laid it aside, with a deep sigh.

Few of the parcels were marked with the name of the donor. Evidently the fair and generous givers wished to do their alms in secret. It may have been that, but Miss Scripp concluded as she proceeded to go through a pile that they were ashamed to be known and for this reason had refrained from attaching their names to their respective donations. Unfortunately for this amiable precaution, however, Miss Scripp recognized most of the articles. Mrs. Thrifty had sent her old rain coat. It was out of fashion; it was also bedraggled; it also let the rain through in spots. Again Miss Scripp shoved the unpleasant article aside, with a sigh, and murmured:

"How can I make that available for keeping the poor little Hobbs warm?"

Miss Florence De Whytte sent a pair of pink satin slippers run over at the heel. She tucked into the tiny toe of one of them a necktie of her brother's that had been worn so long it could never by any possibility be used again. Mrs. Pynchem sent, indeed, a woolen rug. It had lain at the threshold of her husband's bedroom almost time out of mind. It had become worn into holes just where each of Pynchem's substantial feet had pressed it, so that more than once he had tripped upon it and come near falling. Opportunely the very night before the boy called with the collecting pushcart Mr. Pynchem had said, with divers unconventional expressions, that if he ever found that old rag there again he would "histe" it out the front window. Thus perforce Mrs. Pynchem removed it, skillfully working it off on charity.

But the gem of the collection for the destitute little Hobbs was Mrs. Sparing's last winter's calling hat. It had been a perfect dream when the milliner first turned it out, all silken, spangled gauze and radiant rainbow tinted panne, with a sparkling buckle that had become so tarnished that Mrs. Sparing could never use it again. In its pristine perfectness there had been likewise real ostrich plumes upon that calling hat, but these Mrs. Sparing had prudently ripped off that she might have them renovated for another winter.

Such were some of the items in Miss Scripp's charity collection for the destitute Hobb children's Christmas.

TABITHA SOURGRAPES.

DAINTY BLOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS.

This stunning blouse emanates from a celebrated Parisian house and is carried out in soft taffeta of a bright bronze green. The plaited fronts hang from a deep yoke, over which is an empiecement of the silk, the rounded ends

of which are finished with velvet and dull enameled buttons.

The sleeves are full at the top and close fitting about the wrist. Starting from the elbow is a very full puff fastened with buttons to the body of the sleeve. The girdle is of velvet.

A blouse of this kind would make a charming Christmas present.

SAVED $40,000

City Was Less Extravagant This Year

Chairman Wilson of Appropriations Committee Makes Cheerful Announcement at Final Meeting Last Evening—Additional Appropriations Voted

The appropriations committee held its final meeting of the year last evening and after recommending $80,000 in additional appropriations swelled up with pride as their chairman Alderman Wilson made the cheerful announcement that the city of Lowell has saved $40,000 this year.

There were present Aldermen Wilson, and Grant and Councilmen May, Braden and Stott.

The request of the school department for additional money, was considered first. Supt. Whitcomb did not find it convenient to be present and hence stated his case in a note to the committee in which he asked for $20,000 with which to finish the year.

He stated that there is now $10,916 70 to the credit of the department and estimated that the expenditures for salaries and sundries for the month will be $31,000, $28,000 for salaries and $3000 for sundries.

In closing, Mr. Whitcomb added that provided the additional $20,000 were granted him, his department will finish the year with about $12,000 less than the total appropriation for 1903.

Councilman Stott thought the requisition was very reasonable and, on his motion, it was voted to recommend that $12,000 be given to Mr. Whitcomb.

It was voted to allow the health department $800 as Agent Knapp showed where that amount was necessary for small-pox bills and yard expenses.

Purchasing Agent Donnelly asked for $45 for his department and it was voted.

Superintendent Donlon asked for $6000 for the city farm for groceries, labor and sundries and the amount was voted.

For the payment of expenses incurred in the collection of back tax bills, City Treasurer Stiles asked for $600. It was explained that a large number of delinquent poll tax payers were forced to pay during the year closing, and the money asked for was voted without further discussion.

City Auditor Chase asked for $420 to pay back deposits made to the superintendent of the lands and buildings department by various persons hiring Huntington hall prior to the fire which destroyed that building. This money was voted.

Inspector of Wires McElholm asked for $250 with which to pay the lands and buildings department for the work his men did renovating his office last summer. This was also voted.

Chief Hosmer appeared before the committee, not for any more money to carry his department through the year but for more permanent men in the department. He stated emphatically that at least 12 additional permanent men are needed. The city government, he said, had recently passed an order providing for additional permanent men and it only remained for the committee to recommend money to pay them. Some of the houses have but three men in them and when one is at dinner and another is having his day off the house is left with but one man. The matter was referred to the new city government.

Through the clerk, Secretary Martin Courtney of the outside pauper department asked for $8000 additional appropriation to carry his office through the year.

Between $3600 and $3800 of this amount was to go to the state for caring for the city's insane and the balance was to be applied to general sundries in Mr. Courtney's department.

After considerable discussion it was decided to defer action.

After the disposition of regular business the committee discussed and reviewed this year's affairs, and Chairman Wilson figured out the proud fact that the city had saved $40,000 this year over 1903.

MOHAIR CRICKET CLUB.

A meeting of the executive board of the Massachusetts Mohair Cricket club was held on Tuesday night when considerable business of importance was transacted. The league representatives reported that the second team had been admitted into the reserve division of the state league.

The annual dinner of the club will be held during the middle of January. The date has not yet been fixed.

The annual ball will take place on Feb. 24th in the new hall in O'Dowd's block, Hurd street.

After the 1st of January a bowling tournament for members will take place. Altogether ten prizes will be offered for competition.

Alfred Watson, captain of the second team, and Arthur Gibson, financial secretary to the club, are both confined to their homes by sickness. That they may speedily recover is the hearty wish of all members.

PROBATE COURT.

Wills presented for allowance at Cambridge, Dec. 20: Thomas Sheridan, Malden; Pamelia Goodwin, Malden; Alice Kearney, Framingham; Mary McMullen, Cambridge; Bridget Egan, Belmont; J. C. MacNell, Everett; Sarah Bancroft, Woburn; S. A. Chase, Lowell; Sarah Francis, Lowell; W. E. Frost, Westford; Susan Murray, Lowell; Hannah O'Donoghue, Lowell; C. H. Richardson, Lowell; Hattie Fletcher, Tewksbury.

Administrations—H. W. Burton, Lowell; Edward Quinn, Lowell; S. L. Sawtelle, Lowell; J. F. Dooley, Cambridge; Eliza Hopf, Natick; J. C. Bowker, Melrose; Harriet Marden, Arlington; C. M. Barrett, Lexington; Nancy Meserve, Danbury, Ct.

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The Choicest of New Waist Cloths put up in neat boxes at **59c, 98c and $1.50 a pattern**

LOSS IS $50,000

Large Store in Providence Destroyed

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21—A fire which started shortly after 9 o'clock in the produce store of William Sweet on Canal street, summoned two thirds of the fire fighting forces of the city, and was practically extinguished after two hours fighting. The total loss is estimated at about $50,000. Starting on the lower floor from unknown causes, the fire speedily made its way to the roof which covers the third floor, and then burst into the rear windows of the Whipple building situated next door on Canal street. The front portion of the Sweet company's store was practically untouched by the fire, though there was slight water damage.

The principal damage was done in the three top floors of the Whipple building occupied as a storage and work room by the A. T. Scattergood Furniture Company, the damage there being estimated at about $20,000. Walter W. Whipple, owner of the building, and proprietor of an egg, butter and cheese establishment on the lower floors places his damage at about $15,000, principally by water. The nut and fruit store of Allan McPherson in the basement was flooded with water, about $4000 damage being done. The damage to the Sweet company in whose rooms the fire had its inception, is placed at about $5000. The loss is almost entirely covered by insurance.

The fire fighting was entirely free from accident.

FATHER SUES

HE WANTS $50,000 FROM HARVARD ATHLETE.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 22.—Just as he was about to turn over $30,000 to Frederick Hall White, the Harvard football player who reached his majority yesterday and who inherits between $150,000 and $200,000 from his mother, who died in this city several years ago, Lawyer James Kingsley Blake was served with papers in a suit which restrains him from paying young White a single dollar. The suit is brought by the father of the Harvard athlete, Josiah J. White of Brooklyn. He sues for $50,000, which he asserts he has expended for the benefit of his son. The suit is returnable in the January term of the superior court in this city.

Lawyer Blake is the administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. White. Mr. Blake had arranged to turn over to the young man at noon yesterday $30,000 in cash and a large number of pieces of valuable real estate.

Josiah J. White of Brooklyn, the father of the boy, has been engaged in litigation in the Connecticut and New York courts for years over the settlement of the estate of his wife, Eliza T. White. The papers which were served on Mr. Blake allege that the young man is indebted to Mr. White for money loaned, for board and lodging, on notes, for horses and carriages, etc.

Mr. Blake has defended various actions brought by Mr. White. When Mrs. White died she owned property in this city and in Portland, Conn. The Portland property is in the hands of a guardian for the son. The guardian has also been joined in this suit, and he, too, is restrained from turning over to the young man a lot of valuable property.

Josiah J. White, the father, is regarded here a very eccentric man, owing to the litigation in which he has figured over his wife's estate.

RURAL DELIVERY

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY'S BILL FOR ITS EXTENSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22—Representative Henry of Connecticut yesterday introduced a bill "to secure full use of the rural mail equipment, and to place the rural service on a paying basis." It is along the line recommended by the postmaster-general for a special parcel post rate, to be applicable within the territory covered by rural routes radiating from each central distributing point. It provided that within the limits of respective rural routes, parcels of mail matter shall be collected and delivered up to 200 pounds in weight, and in size up to a barrel, provided none shall be over six feet in length. The rates prescribed for this class of matter range from 1 cent for parcels weighing eight ounces to 25 cents for a barrel weighing 200 pounds.

In an explanation attached to his bill, Mr. Henry says: "For the proposed rural post a simple service is an absolute necessity. A single rate on all the mail matter collected and delivered would be a great convenience, both to the carriers and to the rural public. For this limited service there would seem to be no need for more than one rate on all the matter handled."

HOUSES DAMAGED

TEN EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN PANAMA.

DAVID, CHIRIQUI, Panama, Dec. 21—There were ten slight earthquakes, followed by one strong shock at about 12 30 o'clock yesterday. Numerous houses here were damaged and the people who were thrown into a panic, are now camping in the streets. The disturbance is supposed to have been caused by the Peas volcano in Costa Rica.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The members of Company C, Sixth regiment, M. V. M., have unanimously voted to attend the inauguration exercises held at Washington on March 4, and already arrangements have begun for the trip.

The following are the Troop F cavalry qualifications in revolver marksmanship:

First-class—Lieut. Edward Fisher, Lieut. Edward Keyes, Sergt. H. C. MacMaster, Corp. A. C. Mitchell, Corp. John O'Brien, Sergt. William Quigley, Quartermaster Sergeant C. F. Scribner.

Second-class—Corp. Donald McLeod, Priv. Arthur Hill, Priv. G. W. Lamb, Priv. James McCoy, Priv. Morning, Priv. Ernest R. Mountain, Priv. G. W. Ranger, Priv. Carl Spaulding, Priv. C. M. Trull.

Company C had a battalion drill last night. Capt. Kittredge acted as major and Lieut. Pearson and Sergt. Berry were in command of two single rank companies.

Company M will begin on the new tactics tonight.

A prize drill will be held at the armory on Wednesday night, January 11, for the privates of Co. C. This will be one of the attractions of the fourth annual party of the non-coms.

CASE FELL FLAT

Charges Against Supt. Thurston Not Sustained

FALL RIVER, Dec. 22—The board of aldermen last night gave a hearing to Joseph R. Lees, a former engineer in the highway department, on charges of malfeasance in office made by him against Frank A Thurston, superintendent of streets. The hearing lasted for nearly three hours and instead of being the serious matter that it was anticipated, it developed into a roaring farce comedy which kept President Lawson's gavel busy nearly all the time.

Mr. Lees' charges, while fairly specific, were weak and he was unable to produce but one witness, Stanley Smith, another engineer, who was not called upon to testify. Mr. Lees charged that Mr. Thurston gave away crushed stone to the King Philip Brewing Company, and to the Rev. D. V. Delmarre, pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament; that he loaned the road roller to the clergyman without receiving pay therefor, that he loaned a pulsometer pump to Beattie & Wilcox, which had never been returned, and that the park commissioners have received crushed stone in the Oak Grove cemetery without weighing it.

The hearing was presided over by Fred W. Lawson, president of the board of aldermen and Mayor Grime was present. During the hearing Alderman William B. Ling accused Lees of trying to get Mr. Thurston's position, and that he had asked him (Ling) to vote for him.

Mr. Lees admitted that at the time he first made charges to the mayor he told the mayor certain things had been done which were state prison offenses but he admitted that these charges made in private to the mayor were not embodied in the charges to the board. He also admitted trying to make the mayor sign a paper assuring him of his position and threatening that he would make charges before the board if the paper was not signed.

Mr. Thurston was called and answered all charges satisfactorily to the board. He did give the stone to the church and he did loan the road roller to Fr. Delmarre, but Fr. Delmarre stood ready to pay the bills. The King Philip brewery team was used to cart crushed stone which the brewery was to use in the street in front of its plant for repairs and to save the city from a suit for damages. He said he did loan the pump to Beattie and Cornell because he often borrowed things from them and because in further return he received the use of a private way across their land, which so shortened the distance from a street which was being repaired to the crusher that he was able to take off a team which was being hired for $4.75.

"Did you profit personally by these transactions?" asked Mr. Thurston's counsel, John W. Cummings.

"Not by any man under God's sun," replied Mr. Thurston.

At this point Alderman Gagnon said that the hearing was a farce, and he moved adjournment. Mayor Grime addressed the board and said that he had heard nothing to sustain the charges and he did not think the charges were worthy of consideration. Alderman James J. Sullivan of ward 4 moved that everybody be exonerated from all charges, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

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CLUB CHATEAUNEUF

INAUGURATED AT ST. LOUIS HALL.

The inauguration of the new club Chateauneuf was held in the new St. Louis hall in West Sixth street last evening, the affair taking the form of a social. There was a very large attendance and the event proved to be a very enjoyable one. During the early part of the evening whist was enjoyed after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

The enjoyable musical program which followed was given during the evening: Piano solo, Miss Ida Sauinier; song sketch, Wilfrid Richard; song, Arthur Martel; piano solos, Miss Edna Boisvert, Miss Dora Achin and Miss Alma Lessard; clog dance, Wilfrid Dumont.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Adelard, A. Boisvert, chairman; Joseph Chretien, Amedee Chateauneuf, George Putnaude, Albert J. Boisvert and Joseph Ruhamel.

The whist prize winners were the following: Mrs. Maxime Paquette, Mr. Pierre Paquette, Mr. Ernest Pelletier, Miss Maria Hamel, Mr. E. J. Larochelle, Miss Jennie Belle-Isle, Mr. Albert Lemoine, Miss Albina Demers, Mr. John Greenwood, Miss Alma Hamel, Mr. Louis Landry, Miss Albina Lefebvre, Mr. H. Lamoureux, Miss Eliza Lessard, Miss Vinie Pelletier; boobies, Mr. Henry Allard, Miss Alice Ducharme. Albert E. Jean awarded the whist prizes.

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Don't Forget the Boys in Your Christmas Gift Giving

The Children look forward to Christmas as the happiest time of the year—it's essentially the Children's day — don't let them be disappointed in the remembrances of their friends. Many dollars are spent every year in Christmas gew-gaws that don't last through the day—why not give something serviceable—something to wear that will last and reflect on your good judgment.

The Merrimack Boys' Store offers splendid choosing in sensible wearables suitable for Christmas giving—the garments are of a high character and fairly priced

Let us suggest:—

For Boys 3 to 8 yrs.

Russian and Sailor Suits — In serges, Cheviots and Mixtures, with eton, cadet or sailor collars **$3, $3.75, $5, $6 and $7**

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Woolen Blouses—In fancy flannels, red, gray or blue, nicely made and trimmed with cadet collars **50c, $1 and $1.50**

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Camel Hair Tams 38c, 59c

Woolen Gloves and Mittens, 10c, 15c, 25c

Silk Windsor Ties and Eton Ties, 25c

Eton Collars—Linen or pique 15c, 20c

Cotton or Cashmere Hose, 12 1-2c, 25c

For Boys 8 to 16 yrs.

Double Breasted or Norfolk Suits — In blue, black or fancy mixtures—some with knickerbocker trousers **$1.95 to $7**

Three-Piece Suits — Blue or black undressed worsteds and fancy mixtures **$3 to $10**

Tuxedo Suits **$5 to $10**

Belted Overcoats — In Friezes and fancy mixtures, cut long and boxy **$3.25, $5, up to $10**

Fancy Vests—White or figured, **$1.50**

Wool and Worsted Sweaters, **50c, $1 and $1.50**

The Sterling Wescot—Many combinations **$2.50**

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Flannelette Night Robes 50c

Woolen Gloves 25c, 45c

Kid Gloves 50c, 75c, $1

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METRE HILL RETAKEN

By the Russian Troops at Port Arthur

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from St. Petersburg says General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203 Metre hill at Port Arthur with the guns mounted by the Japanese.

JAPS CAPTURED LEADING POSITION

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—4 p. m. The Japanese troops have captured some important positions on Pigeon Bay.

JAPS BOMBARD RUSSIAN GUNBOATS

HEADQUARTERS OF THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Korea, Dec. 22.—During the morning of Dec. 19, the Russian turret ship Sevestopol was torpedoed by the Japanese fleet and immediately listed 10 degrees to the right, remaining fast on the shallow shore at the foot of Liaoti mountain. The vessel is considered absolutely useless for further offensive operations.

The Japanese bombardment of the Russian gunboats and torpedo crafts in the harbor continues.

COUNTER ATTACK REPULSED BY JAPS

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—A despatch received by telegraph today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur says: "The right column of the army at 5 o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove the enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon Bay and occupied the position and at 7 o'clock dislodged the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanyenta, which we occupied, capturing one small gun.

"After the Japanese occupation of the position the enemy made a counter attack but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the positions is practically secure."

ENGLISH BOXER

MAY GET NEXT CHANCE AGAINST BRITT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—There is an air of general satisfaction in this town over the result of Tuesday night's battle between Jimmy Britt and "Battling" Nelson. With the fight now over, the topic of conversation is: Who will be Britt's next opponent?

A number of challenges were read at the ringside, but as yet none of them has been given any consideration. Of all the defis hurled at the winner, the one that will receive the most attention is the challenge sent by Charlie Mitchell, the ex-English heavyweight pugilist, on behalf of his protege, Jabez White.

If matched the battle would have an international aspect. White will sail for America within a few days, and it is not improbable that Britt will agree to give the English boxer a chance. Britt will, however, ask for a few weeks' rest before entering the ring again.

Several of the sporting organizations in this city are now busy trying to match Nelson with Young Corbett, Britt to meet the winner.

Everyone at the ringside applauded the grit and stamina of Nelson, and there were a few who believed that Referee Roche could have called the fight a draw. All seemed to agree that Britt showed the greater cleverness throughout.

"It was a repetition of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight," said Referee Roche. "Britt, like Jeffries, did the clever fighting, hitting cleanly and generally outpointing his opponent, while Nelson trusted mad rushes and his ability to withstand punishment.

Neither man showed yesterday the effects of the terrible gruelling he got. There was a slight scar on Britt's forehead. Nelson was unmarked.

BRITT GETS $8877

BATTLING NELSON'S SHARE OF THE RECEIPTS IS $5918.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The total gate receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were $26,000, of which Britt received $8877, Nelson $5918, and the Yosemite club $12,105.

A Cure for Asthma

The worst cases of Asthma in the world succumb readily to the one great cure that never fails. Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann's Asthma Cure almost performs miracles.

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ENORMOUS LOSS

Caused by the Fog In England

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Such a complete disorganization of railroad traffic and shipping as has resulted from the present fog has been unknown for many years. A dismal fog is spread over the greater part of the kingdom, causing enormous business losses and threatening the deprive thousands of their Christmas parcels. Statisticians estimate that the losses in a single day of such a fog in London alone amount to fully $5,000,000. All the coasts report a dislocation of shipping. The White Star line steamer Cedric, which sailed from Liverpool yesterday for New York is still at noon fog bound in the Mersey where traffic is at a standstill. Similar conditions prevail on the Thames. A number of minor shipping mishaps have been reported from various points.

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We have an elegant line from
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We have a fine line of small watches for boys and girls.
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A full line of Eastman's Kodaks and Supplies, Albums and Calendars.

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We have a great variety of good home games, too numerous to mention here. We name a few:
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Chafing Dishes
SPECIAL SALE $2.50 TO $8.00.
About two-thirds regular price.
FIVE O'CLOCK BRASS TEA KETTLES
$1.49—Regular price $2.00.
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Elegant line. These make a fine present.

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For Indoor and Outdoor.
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We have an elegant line of Fancy Pocket Knives and Combination Knives.
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Tools always make an acceptable gift for a man.
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We have a full line of Safety Razors in sets and single.
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The THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.

HIS BODY CRUSHED

Manchester Man Met With Horrible Death

ROOF OF AN OVEN COLLAPSED

Michael Healey Buried Under the Debris

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 22.—While removing sand from an arch over a brick oven in the basement of Griffith's block on Chestnut street this morning, Michael Healey was buried underneath five or six feet of brick and sand by the collapse of the arch. It was 30 minutes before the help summoned could remove the covering above his body, and although there appeared to be some semblance of life when the body was first brought to view, he soon expired. The body was shockingly crushed. Aloys Eastman, the man in charge of the work, had just left Healey and ascended to the upper floor when the arch caved in. Healey leaves a family.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

AMERICAN BOATS

ENTERED FOR THE TRANS-ATLANTIC RACE.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in a despatch from Kiel, says the Imperial Yacht club announces the following American entries for the trans-Atlantic race:

Schooner yacht Endymion, owned by George Lauder of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Thistle, Robert E. Todd of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Ariel, Francis L. Leland of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Hildegarde, Edward R. Coleman of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary schooner yacht Resolute, John W. Masury of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary yacht Intrepid, Lloyd Phoenix of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary schooner yacht Aridane, Henry W. Putnam, Jr., of the New York Yacht club.

Sloop yacht Constitution, August Belmont and others of the New York Yacht club.

Sloop yacht Columbia, J. Pierpont Morgan, of the New York Yacht club.

MISS JANE TOPPAN

Refuses Food and is Greatly Emaciated

James S. Murphy, guardian of Jane Toppan, who saw her this week, says that she now classes him among the enemies who, she declares, are in a league to poison her. She refused to recognize him when he visited her. Mr. Murphy says she is greatly emaciated under her self-enforced fast, having eaten little for several months. Artificial nourishment is used by the attendants to keep her alive. According to the institution accounts her talk is incoherent and rambling, coupled with threats of what she would do if again free.

Mr. Murphy visited the institution during the early part of the week. When he entered her room she lay with her head turned toward the wall, and all attempts at conversation were fruitless. She kept her eyes closed and did not show in any way that she recognized him.

He was told by the attendant that the woman was aware of his presence and that she knew who he was.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court City of Lowell, No. 30, F. of A., was held last night in Foresters' hall. There was a large number of the members present, the fact that the election of officers was held drew out large numbers.

P. Rogers, chief ranger; M. R. McMahon, sub-chief ranger; Thomas E. O'Day, treasurer; P. McGilly, F. S.; J. F. Connolly, secretary; M. Duggan, S. W.; M. Sullivan, J. W.; J. Nuttall, S. B.; M. Gilligan, J. B.; R. Sullivan, 3 years' trustee; M. J. Meagher, physician; P. R. Monohan, lecturer.

These members will be installed at the first meeting January 3d. The court is in a flourishing condition. Dr. M. J. Meagher, the court physician, extended an invitation to the members for a re-union in the near future and the following committee was appointed to make arrangements. J. F. Connolly, M. R. Regan, J. H. Taylor, P. R. Monohan and P. Rogers.

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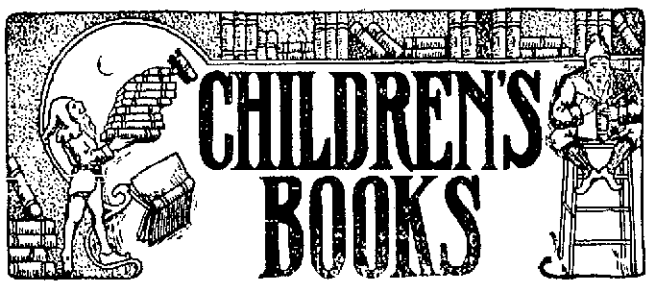
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There is a plentiful supply of turkeys in the local markets this week, and the price is lower than at Thanksgiving time. Purchasers will be glad to hear of this for about Thanksgiving time prices for turkeys, chickens, fowl, duck and geese, were very high, and many people were unable to secure turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner on account of this.

Turkeys are much better than they were a month ago and the ones sold this week are bright, clean and plump.

Good turkeys are now selling for from 22 to 25 cents per pound, from six to ten cents a pound cheaper than they were a month ago, though some are being sold at 20 cents with western turkeys as low as 15 cents per pound. Chickens are rated at 18 to 25 cents, while poorer birds are as low as 12½ and 15 cents a pound. Fowl are selling at 20 cents a pound, though one dealer in this city quotes the prices at from 10 to 12½ cents per pound.

There is a scarcity of good duck and geese, the geese selling at 20 cents per pound while ducks are from 20 to 25 cents.

There is a long list of game for the holiday season, which will demand prices about as follows: Black ducks, 90 cents apiece; mallards, 90 cents; Canvas-back ducks, $2; widgeon ducks, 90 cents; butter balls, 90 cents; grouse and white grouse $1; French and English partridges, 75 cents to $1.25, according to size; black game, 50 cents; rabbits, 15 cents; jack rabbits 50 to 75 cents; pigeons, 25 cents; wild goose, $1.25. There area lso guinea hens, squabs and quail. Roasting pigs will bring from $2.75 to $3.

The price of beef, the many different kinds, remains about the same as at Thanksgiving, while pork is a little cheaper. The different "fixins" in connection with the turkey remain about the same excepting that celery is more plentiful now than it was a month ago and some of it can be bought cheaper, though the best Boston Market celery still holds up in price. Fruit and nuts are about the same as a month ago.

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A CLEVER FAKE

Vermont Rival to Cardiff Giant

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 22.—One of the most carefully designed and skilfully executed fakes ever used to deceive the public has been exhibited through Vermont since last July, and no one has had a suspicion that it was not genuine.

What was alleged to be the petrified body of a human being was dug up on the farm of Willard Clough, in Washington, July 1. An excavation was being made to enlarge a spring. An arm was first encountered and later the remainder of the body was unearthed, part of it being under the roots of an old stump. The place is within the limits of the village of Washington, close to the highway, and the ground showed no indications of having been disturbed for a long time.

Prof. Charles H. Richardson of the department of mineralogy and geology of Dartmouth college examined the find, and stated that it was apparently the body of a human being belonging to some prehistoric race. This certificate, somewhat altered from the original wording was widely published and tended to remove the suspicion that naturally attached to such an exhibition.

The body was pronounced anatomically perfect and evidently that of a woman by physicians who examined it, and the fact that Clough, the man who discovered the "body," is neither an anatomist nor a sculptor, gave further confidence. Clough and his partner started about the state exhibiting the "body," and have shown it to thousands of people. They appeared to belive in its genuineness and expressed the hope that it might be placed in the museum at the state house or in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Prof. Richardson was not exactly satisfied with the way his statement was made to appear and insisted upon having some portions sent him for microscopic examination, and the microscope revealed the fraud.

The petrified woman is made of Portland cement. Fragments of pine shavings and of ash wood, probably from the barrel in which the cement was stored, have ben found in the so-called body.

In reviewing the results of his examinations, Prof. Richardson says:

"The body was manufactured in sections, evidently by casting, modelling and sculpturing. The head was never attached to the body, therefore never severed from it. The left arm was carved, attached to the body and like the body coated over with a wash of cement. The broken foot, designed to show long continued solution or decomposition, results easily from moulding the plastic cement. The most clever part of it all is the perfect form of the left leg.

"The clever fake of 1904 must now be relegated to the category of the Cardiff Giant carved in gypsum and buried in New York in 1869; Hull's second fake, made of clay and human bones, baked in a furnace and burned in Colorado in the early 70's; Ruddock's effigy of cement found in Michigan in 1876; the petrified man of Bathurst, Austria, 1889; the murder at Pacific Station, Ill., 1894, the Rune Stone in southern Michigan, 1899."

Now that the fraud is proved, speculation is rife as to who perpetrated it. The finder is thus far exempt, for he possesses none of the qualifications necessary. There is nothing to indicate that the plant was made in recent years, for the ground at the place of discovery had not been disturbed and a tree appeared to have grown over the body.

W. L. Douglas Paid a Visit to Lowell This Week

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NORTH SEA BOARD

First Session Held in Paris Today

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Many Distinguished Naval Officials on Board

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident met in the foreign office at 10 o'clock this morning. Rear Admiral Davis, U. S. N., was present. His presentation to President Loubet has been set for 6 o'clock this evening.

The commission unanimously elected Admiral Baron Von Spaun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy to be the fifth member, completed the preliminary organization and adjourned until January 9.

The opening session was held in a suite of sumptuous saloons of the D'Orsay palace (foreign office). Admiral Davis arrived in civilian dress accompanied by his aides, Lieut. Commander Roy C. Smith, the naval attache of the American embassy, and Ensign Wm. F. Bricker, U. S. N., Admiral Fournier, the French member of the commission, in behalf of foreign Minister Delcasse who was absent from the city met the American admiral, extended him a cordial greeting and recalled his visit to the United States at the time of the Rochambeau mission. Admiral Fournier presented Admiral Davis to Admiral Kazenakoff, the Russian member of the commission, and Rear Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, Great Britain's representative, the group of admirals joining in an informal chat partly in English and partly in French. The admirals and their aides did not wear uniforms, thus detracting somewhat from the expected brilliancy of the opening session.

Admiral Kazenakoff as senior in rank and age invited his colleagues to a private saloon where he proposed that Admiral Fournier should preside pending the arrival of the fifth member of the commission, Admiral Fournier was unanimously chosen, accepting the presidency in a felicitous speech in which he spoke of the friendly presence of the representatives of many navies.

M. Andre Soulagne-Bodin, a minister plenipotentiary of France, was selected as secretary and Mm. Martin and the Viscount De' Grasouil were appointed assistants with a large corps of attaches. Admiral Baron Von Spaun was then unanimously elected the fifth member of the commission and the commissioners were asked to inform their respective governments of the fact.

ALL ORDERED OUT

Foreign Missionaries Must Leave Morocco

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—An order just issued by the sultan of Morocco, expelling all foreign missions, delegates and employes at present attached to his court at Fez and also two of his own ministers, was arranged six months ago, according to men familiar with Moroccan affairs who are now in New York. The only reason the expulsion order was not carried out sooner was that some of the powers represented at Fez used their influence to hold it back.

These same powers, it is believed, will immediately bring pressure to bear on the sultan to have their representatives reinstated. James W. Langerman, recently American vice consul at Tangier, said regarding the order:

"The sultan, who has been inclined to open up his country to the trade of the outside world, especially the interior, has come to the conclusion that too much jealousy exists among the representatives of the various foreign powers in Morocco. He has also been made aware of the fact that the pretender, Bouhamara, and most of the native tribes who are fanatics and hate Christians, have been using the presence of these few Europeans in Fez to incite the people of the outlying districts of the city to have the brother of the sultan proclaimed emperor.

"American influence is stronger in Morocco at present than that of any other country and our commerce will soon find there a market which hitherto has been practically closed to it.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of Court St. Antoine, C. O. F., was held last night. The court has the arrangement of an affair under way at the present time which bids fair to be one of the grandest things it ever conducted. This affair will take the form of a religious demonstration [illegible] afternoon [illegible] by a banquet [illegible] to take place on the [illegible] Feel.

In the afternoon there will be a procession to the church, where the blessing of a new court banner will take place, and where exercises of an elaborate nature will be held. The banquet at night will be in Associate hall. A committee of 20 headed by Dr. A. G. Payette, will work to carry the affair to success.

Fifteen new members were initiated and sixteen applications for membership were received. After the court assemble, Champeau council of the third degree held its meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Grand supreme chief, Dr. A. G. Payette; vice grand supreme chief, Denis Deschenaux; grand supreme prophet, Leonce Fortin; grand supreme treasurer, Azarie Thibault; grand supreme secretary, A. N. Houlois; grand supreme commander, Henri Desmarais; grand supreme lieutenants, Joseph Montminy, Ismael Labelle.

SPREADING RAILS

CAUSED THE DERAILMENT OF TWO CARS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Spreading of the rails was the cause of a derailment of two cars of a passenger train on a branch of the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie railroad, running from Great Notch on the main line of the division to Essex Falls, N. J., early today. The train which was composed of a combination baggage and passenger car and one coach and a locomotive had left Essex Falls for New York and carried about 30 passengers. Near Verona, the rails spread and the two cars dropped on the ties, ran along for about 150 yards and turned over on their sides. The locomotive remained on the track. No one on board the train, either passengers or employes was injured, although one or two of the passengers were badly shaken up.

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THE ICE BROKE

Two Boys Drowned While Coasting

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CLUE TO MURDER

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 22.—City Detective McReynolds has discovered the first real clue in the Mount Cutler murder mystery, that the officers have had to work on since the discovery of the body of the unknown woman. The clue consists of a one ounce bottle labelled "poison," which was found within 50 feet of the spot where the body of the murdered girl was discovered. The label, though partially destroyed, is believed to be sufficient to lead the detectives to the druggist who sold the poison and may eventually lead to the capture of the murderer.

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Ipswich Clams	40c pk.
Cohaugs	8c qt.
Finan Haddies	10c lb.
White Fish	10c lb.
Smoked Halibut	20c lb.
Fancy English Boneless Cod	15c lb.
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Good Bye, Little Girl, Good Bye.
You're the Flower of My Heart, Sweet Adeline.
Way Down East Among the Shady Maple Trees.
Let's All Go Up to Maud's.
Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New (New Year's Song).
Be Merciful to Me (sacred song by writer of Holy City).
One Little Soldier Man (new song).
Alexander.
Gondolier (vocal or instrumental).
Bit of Blarney (vocal or instrumental).
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How Be Yer (new march).
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From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.25	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.39	7.50	7.54	8.54
6.49	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.57
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.57
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.54
7.48	8.55	11.30	12.07
7.50	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.37	9.40	1.00	1.57
9.38	10.18	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.57
11.45	12.24	5.47	6.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.54
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.30	8.21
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.00	1.26	2.15	3.20
12.55	2.00	3.56	4.50
2.30	3.33	4.00	5.40
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.06	6.40	9.40	10.35
5.15	7.10	*11.15	12.18
7.00	8.00		
9.30	10.28		

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SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.06
3.55	4.50	5.05	6.25
5.32	6.33		
8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.48	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.16	1.00	1.57
2.25	3.27	5.00	5.58
5.28	6.30	7.30	8.08
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.09
		9.00	10.02

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FINE PAINTINGS

Sale of Mr. Coggeshall's Work Now On

Auctioneer E. B. Conant managed the sale of Mr. John I. Coggeshall's paintings in the Central block yesterday afternoon. It was the opening day of the sale and while the crowd was not very large the bidding was quite lively and the paintings brought good money but the prices were low considering the character of the work.

The most extensive purchasers were two Boston dealers, included in their purchases were two of the Venetian scenes, "In St. Mark's Basin," and "Among the Shipping." The Boston men also bought a number of Cape Ann pictures. Some beautiful pieces were sold yesterday, but many of the favorites, most admired during the exhibition, remain on the walls, and are scheduled to be sold this afternoon.

Among the many beautiful pieces to be sold today is "The Hull of the Caravan". This is an exquisite painting and it has many fitting companion pieces in the collection. Included in the pieces offered for sale this afternoon are many pretty landscapes and Venetian scenes.

BATTLE RENEWED

Between Rival Classes at Columbia

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Columbia university was full of wars and rumors of wars yesterday, all because Kingdom Gould refused to be kidnapped like a nice little freshman and frightened his sophomore tormentors by shooting a revolver over their heads.

Young Gould did not appear at the university, and the angry sophomores predicted that he will not show himself until after the Christmas holidays. But the sophomores are waiting for him, and when he does show himself they promise to siege him and do a few fancy tricks with him.

In the absence of Kingdom Gould, the sophomores determined to kidnap some other officer of the freshman class to make an involuntary speech at their class banquet last evening. So at noon 50 of them invaded the campus and tried to capture H. H. Holbert, president of the freshman class. Fifty freshmen gathered to defend Holbert and Vice President Hobert McCutcheon.

When the two classes clashed the fight was the most beautiful ever seen on the campus. But the unwritten law forbids fighting on the campus, so upper classmen drove the quarreling children away. The battle then raged around 116th street station and the subway. Windows were smashed, freshmen were rolled in the snow, and all ordinary wayfarers kept out of the way for half an hour.

The freshmen put their officers on a southbound train and bade them fly to freedom, but little McCutcheon's curiosity got the better of his discretion. He leaped off and with a glad cry, darted into the melee. The sophomores surrounded him and carried him off in a southbound Broadway car. Undoubtedly he helped to entertain the "Sophs" at dinner last evening.

Meanwhile Kingdom Gould's method of escaping from the pursuing sophomores is severely criticised as contrary to the rules of the game. His classmates uphold his act, and say it reflected credit upon the whole freshman class. But the sophomores were bitter.

Dean Hutton, under Pres. Butler's direction, has ordered the sophomores who pursued Kingdom Gould to appear before the president today.

Police Commissioner McAdoo has ordered an investigation as to whether Kingdom Gould has a permit to carry a pistol.

BADLY BURNED

PERFUMERY SET FIRE TO GIRL'S CLOTHING.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—Miss Georgia Ramsdell, 29 years old, of 12 Ashland street, Malden, employed at James' drug store at the corner of Washington and Hanover streets, was severely burned yesterday afternoon by the breaking of a bottle of perfumery which became ignited from a gas jet, and set her clothing and hair on fire. Timothy D. Raymond, 19 years old, of 42 Abbott street, Beverly, a clerk, was badly burned about the hands while extinguishing the flames and rescuing the girl.

Both were taken to the Relief Hospital, after having his wounds dressed the man was sent to his home. Miss Ramsdell was badly burned about the hands, neck and face.

Miss Ramsdell was placing a bottle of perfumery on a shelf when it fell and broke. The perfumery fell upon her head, face and clothing, and became ignited by contact with a gas jet. Her hair burned fiercely, and her clothing also flamed rapidly. She tried to beat out the flames with her hands, and, while she was frightened and screamed some at first, she soon calmed down and heroically fought the flames in the effort to save herself from fatal injury. Raymond ran to her aid, and, after a brisk battle, extinguished the fire, but in doing so was himself badly injured. Both will recover.

DESERVES YOUR PATRONAGE

Howard, the Druggist, 197 Central street, believes in giving his employes a chance to enjoy holidays and for this reason will close Monday, Dec. 26th, for the balance of the day. He did the same Thanksgiving and as far as we know is the only druggist in Lowell to do so. Here's hoping that Mr. Howard is paving the way to reasonable hours for the poor drug clerks.

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NORTH BILLERICA

An entertainment and Christmas tree will be held in the vestry of the North Billerica Baptist church Saturday evening. The annual distribution of presents will be made to the children by the committee in charge of the affair.

The Billerica football team will hold a New Year's party in Thomas Talbot Memorial hall on Friday evening, Jan. 6.

The "Oakviews" have organized a bowling team with the following players: Fred Hannon, captain; William Costello, Joseph Marris, Fred Corr and William McMillan. The team will play its first match against the local R. A. team Friday night.

ROYAL ARCANUM NIGHT.

North Billerica council, Royal Arcanum, held a class initiation in Thomas Talbot Memorial hall last night, and during the evening six new members were through the initiation. The exercises were attended by a large number of visiting Arcanumites of Billerica and Lowell, also a delegation from the grand council, including Grand Regent Merritt S. Foye of Lynn, Grand Guide John J. Hogan of Lowell, Past Grand Regent A. W. David and District Deputy Joseph H. Gormley of Lowell.

The North Billerica council degree staff, James H. Gannon, guide, conferred the degree on the new members and at the conclusion of the exercises brief addresses were made by Grand Regent Foye, Past Grand Regent David, Grand Guide John J. Hogan and District Deputy Gormley and vocal selections were rendered by Charles E. Fairbrother and James H. Gannon. Music during the session was furnished by the Royal Arcanum orchestra, Wm. T. Cowdrey director. The "class" of last evening makes the third of its kind conducted by the local council since the first of the present year, during which time 54 new members have been gained, giving the council a total membership of 154. The success attained may be attributed to the earnest efforts of Regent James J. Campbell, District Deputy Joseph H. Gormley, combined with the help of the degree staff, the members of which are: Regent Arthur W. Holden, Vice Regent Ernest Stott, Past Regent John Hughes, Orator James J. Campbell, Chaplain Charles E. Fairbrother; Guide James H. Gannon, Warden Henry J. Mahoney, Sentry Charles E. Cowdrey, G. C. V. Joseph Gannon, Edward A. Morris, G. C. M. Herbert S. Russell, James A. Ruth, G. C. C. Jas. L. Bradley, Joseph P. Meaney.

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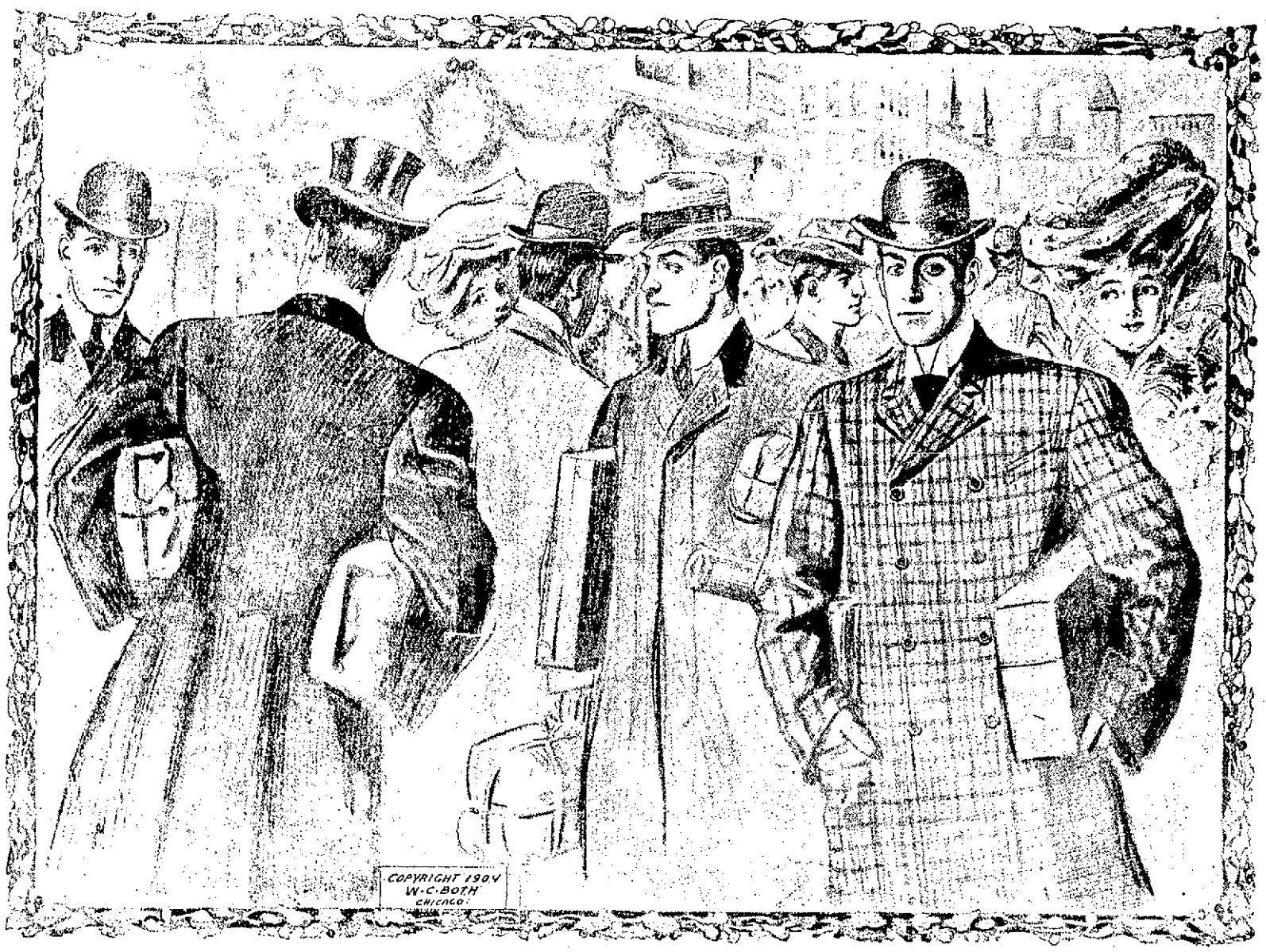

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Handkerchiefs--	Linen or silk with initial or plain	5c to 50c
Suspenders--	Silk or Lisle Webbing, one pair in a box	25c to $2.50 pr
Umbrellas--	Silk, Gloria or Twill, new style handles	50c to $5.00
Shirts--	Fancy or white, stiff bosom or soft bodies, new patterns	50c to $2.00

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Children's Overcoats--	3 to 8 years, all new and priced to date $6 and $7, now	$4.75
Children's Overcoats--	3 to 8 years, all new and big sellers at $5, now	$4.25
Children's Overcoats--	and Reefers—Only sizes 3 and 4, all fine coats, now	$2.00
Boys' Overcoats ---	9 to 16 years, all new and sold at $6, $7, $8, now	$5.75
Boys' 3-Piece Suits --	Heavy weights, sizes 10 to 16 years, sold at $4, $5, $6, now	$2.75

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EXTRA

IN JURY'S HANDS

Nan Patterson Will Soon Know Her Fate

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Even with the verdict of the jury yet to come, Nan Patterson, who for more than six months has been locked up in the Tombs prison, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, felt today that the hardest part of her ordeal was past. To the verdict, she said, she has all the time looked forward only with pleasure. On that point she has had no fear. It was the long wait, the disheartening interruptions and delays and the nerve racking strain of the long trial that inspired her with dread. The merciless arraignment of assistant district attorney Rand which she knew would come before the end, she had feared would be the hardest to bear. Today with all that behind her, she said that she felt perfectly at ease and awaited without fear the word of the jury which she knew would set her free.

"I have passed through so much," she said, "that I feel I can face another day without flinching. The judge I know will not be cruel to me and the tones of his voice will never rise to the harsh pitch of accusation. His charge, as I understand it, will be as much for as against me, and when he finishes, it will only remain for the 12 grim-faced men in the jury box to determine whether I am guilty or innocent. I feel that they will give me my freedom.

"Even with the terrible words of Mr. Rand ringing in my ears I cannot believe that they could set their wills against me and send me condemned to death to one of those little cells with the iron door that I read of in Roland Molineux book. Black as I have been painted, I cannot think that they will take my life for a crime I never committed."

Before leaving her cell in the Tombs prison today, Nan Patterson packed up all her belongings including the many little knicknacks which had accumulated there during her long occupancy. Grips and suit cases locked and ready for removal stood by the door, as she started on what she believed would be her last journey across the bridge of sighs. "I know, I know I will be free before night," she said. "I wanted every single thing to be packed and ready. I don't want to have to come back here for a thing."

There was a slight delay in the beginning of the trial today, but when the prisoner was brought in the final details were arranged quickly and Judge Davis at once began his charge to the jury.

Justice Davis informed the jury that it was not his duty to interpret the evidence which had been placed before them. He would instruct them only as to the rule of the law to the end that they might arrive at a careful and just conclusion. Any opinion they might have formed either before or during the trial should not be allowed to weigh unless it was based entirely upon the evidence. Prejudice either for or against the prisoner should be entirely dismissed. Referring to the alleged failure of the prosecution to show that Miss Patterson had any motive which might lead her to kill Young, Justice Davis instructed the jury that while it is not always necessary for the prosecution to prove a motive it is important in connection with the other facts. "In circumstantial evidence," said he, "the question of motive often becomes important; but it must not be a motive that is imagined; it must be proved."

Justice Davis defined the various degrees of murder and told the jury that although the defence claimed the prisoner either was guilty of murder in the first degree or was innocent it was for them to determine. They could find her guilty of murder in the first degree, in the second degree or of manslaughter, or they could render a verdict of not guilty.

Referring to the several letters which have appeared in the case, knowledge of which was denied by the defendant, he said, that the testimony of the witnesses must be carefully weighed. If Miss Patterson was believed the letters must be excluded entirely from their consideration; if not, they must be taken at their face value. In this connection he said the jury must give careful consideration to the question, "Whether it is possible that the witness for the prosecution may have lied for the purpose of aiding the prosecution or the defendant. On the other hand again, you must consider whether the defendant was influenced by any motive to tell an untruth about the letters."

Of the absence of J. Morgan Smith and his failure to appear in the trial, he said the jury should take no cognizance. The defendant was to be judged by her own acts and not by the acts of others.

Judge Davis said that if the defendant fired the shot without premeditation she would be guilty of murder in the second degree. He then explained that she might be found guilty in the first or second degree of manslaughter if not of murder but added that if there was a reasonable doubt of her guilt in any of the degrees of homicide the jury must acquit her.

Judge Davis finished his charge to the jury at 12.15 p. m.

Counsel for the defense asked the judge to charge the jury upon the evidence of H. L. McKeon but the judge said he had already done so.

Before going out one of the jurors asked for the pistol in the case so as to make tests with it. He was told that there was evidence as to tests made with the weapon.

When the jury had left the court room the police officer in charge of Nan Patterson escorted her out of the court room to await the verdict and she followed the officer with a brisk, firm step. As she passed her father he gave her a parting hand clasp.

Soon after the jury retired, the court took a recess until 2 o'clock. An immense crowd of curious people thronged the corridors awaiting the verdict.

In the long hour and a quarter occupied by the judge's charge to the jury, Miss Patterson bore herself well. The pallor of five months of the Tombs was touched a clearer white by the strain under which she labored, but only that and the sustained rigor of her attitude betrayed the tension of her nerves. She was gowned in black, the only touches of color being a purple enamel pansy tipped with diamonds, which she wore on her breast and, peeping from the black collar of her dress, a narrow ruching as white itself as the skin against which it rested. Her black hat was up lifted from her brow and the thin net veil which depended from its brim did not conceal the finely moulded chin and full lips, which though child-like are oddly firm. Once or twice she turned and murmured a word to her white haired father who was at her side, but the fixed expression of the girl's face never changed and her lips hardly moved. With hands clasped in her lap, her shoulders held slightly forward and not once seeking the support of her chair back, she sat almost immovable while the jury received its instructions. The gaze of her gray eyes, showing in their depths something the look of a frightened child, hardly wavered from the judge's face. Once when Caesar Young's name fell from the judge's lips she quickly placed one black gloved hand on the table, gave a little start and then with a deep quivering breath that seemed to expand her whole slight frame, she fell again into her wonted fixed strained position. Sir Charles Windham, the English actor who occupied a seat inside the rail, was pointed out to her by her father and she stared curiously at the man who stands for so much in that world in which she had once so briefly fluttered and once he turned and bent his gaze on her, his big glasses seeming to shine with benevolence and cheer.

When the big marble clock pointed to the noon hour and a factory whistle shrilled through the silent court room for the first time, the slight, black robed figure relaxed. She raised both hands to the table, lightly clasped, dropped her eyes and gave a great sigh. It was the yielding of taut nerves and flexed muscles and sent a rush of moisture to her eyes. She blinked them rapidly, sipped a glass of water and then, her composure once more her own, again bent that clouded stare upon the judge. It was evident that she was under tremendous stress and was compelling complete control with the greatest effort. But the effort was successful and not one sound or movement was marked enough to be apparent beyond those who sat with her at her counsel's table. When the judge had concluded his charge and the usual formalities gone through with, a bailiff slipped to her side.

"Where do I go?" she almost whispered in a plaintive voice. "Up stairs," he said, reassuringly, and with quick steps she hastened down the aisle and into the room where she passed the long moments of waiting.

The jury went to lunch shortly before 2 o'clock. This will make the verdict, if one has been agreed upon, rather late.

The gossip of the court room was that a disagreement was not unlikely. This report was based on the fact that one of the jurors had asked for information concerning some of the exhibits in the case.

For the first time since the trial began, Miss Patterson refused to take lunch during the court recess. She was so nervous that she could not eat. Most of the time she paced up and down her cell while she waited for the summons to appear to hear the verdict.

The jury returned from their luncheon to the court house and resumed their deliberations at 2.50 p. m.

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RECOUNT ENDED

No Material Change Results From It

At 3.30 this afternoon the registrars of voters had but two precincts in ward eight to count in the recount of the aldermanic vote of the city, and they announced that there will be no material change made by the recount, and Mr. Rourke will be the ninth alderman instead of Mr. Livingston.

STORE THIEVES

POLICE IN CITIZENS CLOTHES LOOKING AFTER STORES.

Store thieves who do a thriving business in Lowell during the Christmas holidays will have more than the floor walkers to look out for. The police are unusually active this year in looking after the stores and the few thefts reported thus far were of a minor nature. Several police have been detailed to look after the stores. They are not in uniform and as the opportunity to make manifest their ability as detectives is a good one they, no doubt, will keep an eye on suspicious characters.

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PERSONALS

Messrs. Edward P. Heelon and Bernard J. Rourke, Lowell students at Holy Cross college are home for the Christmas holidays.

Joseph F. Scanlon, a student at St. Dunstan's college is home for the Christmas vacation.

Walter Owen Teague, professor of mechanical engineering, school of mining, affiliated to Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, is spending the holidays with his family in Pawtucketville.

WELL KNOWN SINGER DEAD.

SALEM Dec. 22—Miss Amanda Bailey a well known singer and a member of the famous Father Kemp concert company which toured the country forty years ago died in this city today. She was 78 years old. She was born in Cookshire, Quebec. Miss Bailey composed a number of hymns and was the author of several hymns.

For that tight feeling in your chest

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BROWN TAIL MOTH

City Council Side-tracks Commission's Request

THOUGH A PEST IS THREATENED

Nests Should be Destroyed Without Delay

Throughout the city one needs but to look at the trees with the naked eye to discern thousands of brown tail moth nests hanging to the branches and threatening a grievous pest next spring.

Yet with this fact apparent it would seem that the city council has side-tracked an order for $500 to be spent by the park commission for the extermination of the moth. Mayor Howe recommended the order which the commission introduced and both branches, it seems, referred the order to the committee on appropriations. The latter met last night but did not act on the order and hence unless the matter is taken up by means of a special meeting of the committee the order will have to go over until next year.

The time to do the work of extermination is at present while the moths are in the nest. In the spring it will be too late to do any good work.

The city council should lose no time in providing the money for this important work.

DENOUNCED POLICE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME ON THE WARPATH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—After denouncing the local police force for alleged failure even to attempt to enforce the present excise law as provided by the measure which has been become known as the Raines law, District Attorney Jerome today announced that he would soon have ready a long statement which he hopes to have made law by the action of the legislature.

The announcement was made by Mr. Jerome after he had read the statement of State Senator John Raines to the effect that the trouble in this city was wholly due to the failure of the police to enforce his famous excise law. Senator Raines' views were in a measure endorsed by the district attorney but at the same time he declared that the Raines law did not appeal to him as by any means a perfect measure.

THEY MAY STRIKE

THREAT MADE BY COLUMBIA SOPHOMORES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dean Frederick R. Putton of the school of applied science at Columbia university, who has been ordered by President Butler to investigate the hazing of Kingdon Gould on Tuesday, had a conference today with the students who chased young Gould when he fired a revolver over their heads. The men were A. A. Gelthinger, president of the science sophomores, William Bailey, R. W. Cauchers and F. Lage.

Dean Putton said that although there was no great opposition on the part of the faculty to class rivalry and to fighting on South field between the freshmen and sophomores, the faculty was opposed to the practice of kidnapping single freshmen or groups by the upper class men and was determined to stop the custom. The dean said that if suspension of the culprit sophomores would produce that effect they would be suspended. He asked if the students would take suspension with good grace. They replied that they did not deserve it. The dean asked also whether the sophomore class would look on their classmates as martyrs if they were suspended. The students were unable to answer but the general sentiment was that the class would "strike". Dean Putton did not seek to excuse Gould's action but said it was never fair for a crowd to set on one man. If it had been one against one the whole matter would have been legitimate. The fate of the sophomores is to be decided by the faculty today and announced to them tomorrow.

Kingdon Gould has been asked to appear before Dean Putton to give his testimony.

PACIFIC FLEET

WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22—Inquiries made at the admiralty all tend to confirm the report that Admiral Rojestvensky will succeed Admiral Skrydloff in supreme command of the Pacific fleet the latter returning here as a member of the admiralty council.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Dec. 22.—Wm. H. Gaylord, 83 years old, one of the town's most public-spirited citizens died today. Mr. Gaylord was the donor of a soldiers' monument and recently presented to the town a handsome stone public library building.

MANY VISITORS

Charged With Drunkenness in Police Court

JUDGE HADLEY DID NOT ACCEPT EXCUSES

And Suggested the Establishment of a Custom House

MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING POTATOES

And Another For Larceny of Festive Bird

The complexion of the dock in police court today was decidedly cosmopolitan. Six nations at least were represented and nine of the thirteen drunken offenders were from out of town, a fact always to be deplored by Judge Hadley. It was rather interesting to hear the different excuses offered by the out-of-town men for their appearance in Lowell. One fellow came here to buy clothing. He came from Peterboro, N. H., because, he said, he was told that good clothing is cheaper in Lowell than any place in New England. This young man, herculian in his physical make-up and unpretentious so far as great mental efforts are concerned, told the court that his intentions were all right. He came here for the express purpose of buying a "new suit" for Christmas. Although formidable in appearance he admitted that he was a bit timid at heart and in order to arm himself with the courage which he considered necessary to drive a good bargain he indulged in a few "high balls." After tossing a few of the high ones he felt warm enough to go about with clothing as abbreviated as that of the African. He made up his mind that the inner man was a pretty good fellow and he decided to give him a good time. "Suit of clothes," he said to himself; "what do I care for clothes. I have a good bed to go to in Peterboro and what the —— give us another drink there, Mr. Bartender; everybody have a drink."

The young man who declared he left Peterboro with read good intentions was pushed from a grog shop and sprawled about the street until the arrival of a kindly disposed officer who assigned him to a plank cot at the brick house in Market street.

Then there was a fellow from Lawrence. He fidgeted nervously with his hat and told Judge Hadley that he came to Lowell to have a good time. Judge Hadley didn't think that was a very good excuse and he up and told the fellow so. The man in the dock wore a blue shirt and a yard of two-and-one-half inch ribbon, purple in color, for a tie. Of course that didn't have anything to do with the fine that he was sentenced to pay. The fact that a man tiring of the see-saw way that things go down in Lawrence should be struck with the idea of coming to Lowell did not appeal to Judge Hadley, and his honor did not rub his hands and chuckle when the man from Lawrence said he had spent all kinds of money in the pursuit of a good time in Lowell. Instead of thanking him for his patronage, as some might feel disposed to do, the court ordered him to pay a fine of $5.

Another fellow who hailed from Providence, R. I., said he came here to visit friends. He was a happy-go-lucky sort of a chap and he had heard what the court said about out-of-town visitors. He stroked an apology for a moustache, looked lingeringly out the window, cast sheep's eyes at the gallery and listened to what the court had to say. None may know the variety of thoughts that coursed through the brain of the man from Providence and not a muscle moved when the court said $5.

After he had disposed of the last out-of-town man Judge Hadley took occasion to remark that the way things are going it looks as if Lowell would have to establish a custom house and place a tariff on importations.

A lawyer who heard the judge's remark observed to the reporters, that if a custom house were to be established it would be well to appoint the grog shop men keepers and colectors at the port of entry.

ARRESTED IN NASHUA.

Peter St. Cyr was arrested in Nashua yesterday for the Lowell police. He was wanted for the alleged larceny of 85 bushels of potatoes valued at $65 the property of a man named McDonald. The case was continued to Saturday. Lawyer William Barry of Nashua, N. H., will look after the interests of the defendant. Mr. Barry arrived in the police court after the case had been continued.

STOLE FESTIVE BIRD.

Philip Bissonette, a young man stained with the taint of many prisons, was charged with the larceny of a turkey from Pike's market in Middlesex street. He pleaded not guilty but the weight of evidence was against him. E. D. McVey appeared for Bissonette and pleaded eloquently and impressively for his client. Deputy Welch stigmatized Bissonette as the worst kind of a thief. He told of his prison record which included the reformatory and the state prison. It looked like a long term for the defendant but he was let down with a sentence of three months in jail. He was also charged with drunkenness and that complaint was placed on file.

GIFT UMBRELLAS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

The Merrimack is making a play on their fine gift umbrellas for Christmas—they claim a more select line of handles than can be found around town—solid silver, gold, silver trimmed, horn, and natural woods—mounted in serviceable cloths, with the 20th century runner frames. Priced at $1.00 to $7.00 for men and women. Merrimack Clothing Co.

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137-151 CENTRAL STREET.

NIGHT EDITION

PLEADED GUILTY

Boles Admitted Killing Wife and Children

DEDHAM, Dec. 22—Henry F. Boles indicted on the charge of the murder of his wife, Annie M. Boles and policeman Jos. McMurray at Brookline, October 17, today pleaded guilty to both charges in the district court here. He was remanded to jail to await trial.

Judge Sherman asked Boles if he had secured any counsel and Boles replied that he had not and that he did not want any. The court then ordered him to plead to the indictment charging the murder of McMurray. He pleaded guilty. He said further:

"I don't know how it happened any way."

To the charge of the murder of his wife, he also pleaded guilty. Judge Sherman then explained the degrees of murder and asked the defendant if he understood the consequences of his plea. "I don't care what they will do," exclaimed Boles.

"You can do just what you please about it. I don't give a d—— what you do."

Judge Sherman ordered that a plea of not guilty on the McMurray charge be recorded.

The court assigned Thomas Grover and F. G. Chapman as counsel for Boles. The prisoner was remanded to the county jail.

FOUR MEN KILLED

Many Others Were Nearly Suffocated

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four men were instantly killed and many others were nearly suffocated today as the result of an explosion in Reese Hammond & Co.'s coal mine at Bolivar, Pa., just east of this city.

LOWELL CASES

THREE DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Among the Lowell cases called at the superior criminal court in East Cambridge today was that of Ira Kent charged with the larceny of watches from Wood the Central street jeweler. Kent pleaded guilty and was placed on probation.

When Michael J. Carroll was convicted of drunkenness in the local police court he was sentenced to two months in jail. He appealed and was held for the superior court. His case was called today and the sentence of the lower court was sustained.

Joseph J. Grooms of this city was charged with assault and battery and his case was placed on file.

NARROW ESCAPE

LARGE PIECE OF ICE FELL IN MERRIMACK STREET.

Two women and a man had a narrow escape from serious injury at the corner of Merrimack and John streets about 2.30 this afternoon.

As they were passing the Marble Bank building on the corner a piece of ice weighing about 10 pounds fell from the roof to the ground below striking the sidewalk with a crash and breaking into innumerable smaller pieces. The sidewalk was crowded and it was next to miraculous that no one was injured. The ice passed between two women and a man, giving them a bad scare.

JAMES B. CONLON

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS IS VERY LOW.

James B. Conlon, former superintendent of public buildings, was reported as in a very critical condition this afternoon.

The physicians have given up all hope and said that he might not last through the day.

MAYOR CASEY HOME.

Mayor-elect James B. Casey, who has been enjoying a trip to New York and Washington, returned to this city today and will at once begin work on his inaugural message.

GAS LAMPS

Largest variety shown in Lowell. Low prices for Christmas trade. Over 50 styles to choose from

WELCH BROS.
61 and 63 Middle St.

NICHOLSON FREE

HAD SERVED TWENTY YEARS FOR WIFE MURDER.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—James Nicholson, under life sentence for the murder of his wife in this city in 1884, was released from state prison this noon, he having been pardoned earlier in the day by Governor Bates on recommendation of the executive council. The pardon was granted because of the prisoner's exemplary conduct since his incarceration in 1884 and mitigating circumstances of the crime.

SQUIRREL LINED GLOVES.

Plenty at the Merrimack today—landed another lot. They're the scarcest thing in the market. Speak quick! Merrimack Clothing Co.

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6 O'CLOCK

STANDARD OIL WAR

Lawson Will Shoot Its Emissaries on Sight

He Says the Trust Buncoed Keene Out of $7,000,000—Addicks to Get Warm Reception Tomorrow

The war between Thomas W. Lawson and the Standard Oil trust culminated in several sensational developments last evening.

First came Lawson's "war proclamation" to H. H. Rogers, active head of the Standard Oil trust, warning him that he would shoot on sight any and all emissaries or agents sent in quest of him by the Standard Oil people.

Next came Lawson's statement that Jim Keene, king of Wall street operators, had been buncoed out of $7,000,000 which the trust had promised him as a reward for making "wash" sales of Amalgamated copper.

The next development was Lawson's statement that he would go in quest of J. E. Addicks, the Delaware gas magnate, as soon as he arrives in Boston tomorrow, and that he will be prepared for any kind of warfare the Delaware man wants.

Statements given out late last night by Senator Higgins of Delaware and Receiver Pepper of Philadelphia tended to confirm Lawson's story, in his latest chapter on "Frenzied Finance" to the effect that the receivership in Bay State Gas a few years ago had been bought out with money furnished by Henry H. Rogers.

Late this morning Jim Keene gave out a copy of his letter to Lawson, which the latter had claimed contained proof of his statement that Keene had made "washed" sales of Amalgamated copper.

That James R. Keene, promised a loan of $7,000,000 by Henry H. Rogers in return for "washing" big stocks of Amalgamated stock, was turned down by Rogers after Mr. Keene had done his bidding was the statement made by Thomas W. Lawson last night.

In addition to this sensational statement came rumors that Mr. Keene, the recognized king of Wall street, might take up cudgels against Standard Oil in conjunction with Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Lawson received notice yesterday that J. Edward Addicks, the gas magnate of Delaware, would be in Boston tomorrow. Mr. Lawson said last night that he would not see him, but warns Mr. Addicks not to try any of his tricks.

A scathing broadside addressed to Henry H. Rogers was issued last night by Mr. Lawson, in which he warns Mr. Rogers that "he will shoot at sight any and all things sent after him by the Standard Oil people."

Denis Donohoe, editor of the New York Commercial, who declared his intention of coming to Boston and putting a bullet through Mr. Lawson, sent word last night that he was not coming and that he would carry on the fight with his pen.

An open letter was addressed last night to Henry H. Rogers, wherein Mr. Lawson threatens to shoot on sight.

WARNING TO ROGERS.

It reads in part as follows:

"In the light of many happenings of late and the innumerable threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish to herewith notify through you any and all thugs who are seeking me that I will in self-defence shoot at sight the first one who calls upon me or in any way comes into my presence after giving me notice such as the above.

"I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and only do so after having become convinced there are at the present time many would-be assassins seeking to put an end to me that they may put an end to my work.

"Such affairs as the Colonel Greene episode, where an honest man, after having been artfully worked up to a high pitch, is put upon my track, I do not mind, but I do want you and your associates to know that I am fully alive to what is now being and will hereafter be attempted against me, that upon your heads may come the consequences.

"THOMAS W. LAWSON.

"Dec. 21, 1904."

This is in line with the statements made that Mr. Lawson fears attempts are being made to poison him and that on two occasions he has been treated for symptoms of poisoning.

But last night Mr. Lawson was "feeling fine," as he expressed it.

CLAIM REWARD

COURT MUST DECIDE TO WHOM IT BELONGS.

The Manchester Mirror says:

In all probability the courts of the state will be called upon to decide the much-mooted question of the disposition of the reward of $300 offered by the town of Londonderry for the arrest of the person guilty of the murder of Mrs. Celia J. Smith, and for which Charles E. Brigham has just been given a life sentence in state prison.

A few days after the discovery of the crime the selectmen of the town held a meeting and, after consulting Col. John G. Crawford of this city, who has an office in Derry, announced that the town would pay the sum of $300 for the arrest of the person guilty of the murder.

Since Brigham received his sentence, he having entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree, three persons have come forward with claims for the reward. The city marshal of Lewiston, Me., where Brigham was found employed in a store; Max Buller, a Maine state detective; and David A. Black each assert that they are entitled to the reward. The latter claimant is a photographer and was the first person to identify Brigham and give information to the Lewiston police. He recognized Brigham on the Boston and Portland boat, after seeing his likeness in a newspaper. The wording of the offer, however, is for the arrest of the guilty person and not for information leading to his arrest. Mr. Black has retained an attorney and will press his claim.

WON HIS CASE

JAMES SWEENEY ACTED AS HIS OWN COUNSEL.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Dec. 22.—Acting as his own counsel, James Sweeney of Ansonia, who was fined $50 and sentenced to six months in jail by the Ansonia judge for stealing solder and wire from the American Telephone & Telegraph company, conducted his appeal case before the court of common pleas in this city yesterday afternoon, just as the state was placing on the witness stand the superintendent of the company that lost the property. Sweeney, with all the finish of the trained lawyer, said to Judge Bishop: "Your honor, before this case goes any further, I have a witness that I would like to have presented during the trial."

"You shall have him," replied the judge. "Where is he, that we may send for him?"

"In Whalley avenue, your honor. I believe 25 is the number of the cell," answered Sweeney. The judge ordered the man summoned from the county jail. He gave his name as James Cribbins. Then the trial was resumed. Sweeney cross-examined all the witnesses for the state with considerable cleverness, occasionally being prompted by the court as to the manner of putting questions to the witnesses.

Then Cribbins, who took the stand, told the court that Sweeney had merely helped him to put the property in his, Cribbins', wagon. Cribbins is in jail for the crime of taking the property in company with Sweeney. Then Sweeney made a brief argument to the jury.

After being out some time the jury returned to court and said they could not agree, and Sweeney left the court room, after many congratulations had been extended to him for his ability in

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Wall Paper

—AT—

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JACKSON DID IT

Won From Ladue in a Half Hour

Match Was Exciting and Full of Science—Barrette and Prokos Gave a Rough House Preliminary—Smiling Harvey Parker Was Introduced

The question of superiority between Charlie Jackson and Billy Ladue, the local rivals, has been settled to the satisfaction of all the sports and Jackson is the man who can wrestle. "Bert" Tibbetts, who ran the match, is the man who can pull off a satisfactory wrestling bout and Ladue—well, Billie at least demonstrated the fact that he is no quitter. He took his medicine gamely and he certainly took a large size dose of it.

Jackson left the tempting gayeties of Montreal to return here for last night's match and was somewhat tired when he went on the mat. He made the hit of his life in Montreal and had to turn down tempting invitations to remain a week in the Canadian city. But he figured that if he failed to appear it would look like a case of "quitting," hence his quick return to Lowell.

The match was made and the show run by Bert Tibbetts, manager of the Boston theatre, and he gave the public a fine run for its money. Every seat was a good one for the men worked on an elevated platform in the centre of the hall. A corps of competent ushers saw that the sports were properly seated. The bouts were run off early and without delay, and the 1000 or more people present were thoroughly satisfied with the management of the affair.

The preliminary was as attractive to many as the main bout, for it brought out Wilfred Barrette and James Prokos, the local rivals, in a rough house, 15-minute bout.

Dick Carey was referee and L. J. Thyne time keeper.

The preliminary was exciting throughout for it was a contest of science, though not any too much,

CHARLES JACKSON

against bull strength and science won. Prokos could get Barrette on the mat by his strength but he didn't know how to turn him over. After 14 minutes struggling Prokos threw Barrette heavily and getting a half nelson tried to pull him over. He got him his way when Barrette suddenly broke the hold and in an instant put the Greek, who was half way over himself, to the mat for a fall. It was done so quickly that Prokos couldn't see it and when Referee Casey declared Barrette the winner Prokos ran at him and struck him in the face. Casey was standing with his feet crossed and his hands behind his back and the blow dropped him. He was up in an instant and was swinging on Prokos when the pair were separated. The crowd hissed the Greek for his unmanly act in assaulting Casey and when he returned to make a speech was hooted and jeered.

Prokos said he would meet Barrette for $100 a side. "Joe" Dextra accepted the challenge in behalf of Barrette and the latter posted a forfeit of $25 with the sporting editor of The Sun.

Between the bouts the only and original Harvey Parker was introduced. Harvey's smile was as large as ever and his diamonds as sparkling. A few minutes later Referee Casey announced that a 150-pound man, whose name was withheld, would meet Jackson for $200 a side. The crowd took it for granted that Parker is the man.

Jackson and Ladue entered the ring amid great applause, about 10 minutes after the conclusion of the first bout. Ladue was in great shape while Jackson showed several scratches where Tremblay had sunk into him a few evenings previous. The men said they weighed 147. Previous to the match there was considerable betting with the odds on Jackson.

Referee Casey ordered the men to shake hands and Jackson extended his while Ladue refused to take it. "Very well, I'll fix you," said Jackson while the crowd showed their displeasure at Ladue's action. It is the opinion of the wrestlers that Ladue is a dangerous man for the first 15 or 20 minutes, but tires after that time, and Jackson appeared to be governing himself accordingly for he put Ladue through the roughest 15 minutes that the latter ever experienced. Ladue was rough, too, but he didn't begin to be as successful as the Swede at throwing the gaff. It looked at one time as though Jackson would snap Ladue's head from his shoulders but Ladue took it all and shoved his fist into Jackson's nose whenever the opportunity prevented itself.

In about 20 minutes they went to the mat with Jackson on top. Ladue made several attempts to get over his opponent but Jackson had him where he wanted him and kept him underneath. Jackson tried for the double elbows but Ladue shook him off. Then he tried the half-nelson, a hammer, and then a crotch hold but was unsuccessful. Finally he got a scissors hold and slowly but surely brought Ladue's shoulders to the mat for as pretty a pin-fall as could be made.

In 15 minutes the men were back again. They lost little time on their feet and went down with Ladue on top. Ladue got Jackson half way over and started to pull for dear life, but didn't have the right hold to accomplish a fall. Jackson lay on his side a few moments and then released himself and got Ladue under him. After brief fiddling Jackson put a hammerlock on Ladue but in turning over Ladue slipped over the side of the ring and would have fallen to the floor had not Jackson held on to him while he called to the referee to note the hold he had. The men were speedily released and brought back to the center. Ladue lay for a moment face downward with his hands on his abdomen when he had come in contact with the rough-edged boards of the ring. Some one cried: "He's going to quit," and Ladue was up in an instant and on the mat. Jackson was given the same hold as before and getting one leg along with the hammer hold Jackson stood Ladue on head for an instant and then forced both shoulders to the mat. As soon as Ladue's shoulders touched Referee Casey very properly called a second fall, the time being 4 minutes and 40 seconds and gave the match to Jackson. Some of Ladue's friends thought that Jackson should be obliged to hold his man's shoulders on the mat for 3 seconds but there was no such agreement and the referee gave the fall when he saw it.

The majority of the crowd was satisfied, however, that it was the best affair of its kind ever held in Lowell.

PRICES ADVANCED

HOLLY AND CHRISTMAS TREES ARE DEARER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The prices of holly, Christmas trees, and all other green-stuff in demand at this season for holiday decorations have advanced, in some instances more than 50 or even 100 per cent. over last year's prices.

It is impossible to buy a case of holly for less than $7 and some dealers are asking $8.50 for it. Last year it was selling at $5 and $4 a case. It retails at from 25 to 50 cents a small wreath.

It was possible last year to secure a fair sized Christmas tree for $1.00. This year the same tree costs $1.50.

Dealers attribute the advances to cold weather.

AMBASSADOR McCORMICK BACK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, who has been on a two months' vacation trip to his home in the United States, started today on his return to St. Petersburg on the steamer Moltke, which sailed for Humburg.

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GENERAL MILES

TAKES UP THE MATTER OF HIS STAFF DUTIES.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-Gen. Miles arrived in the city yesterday from Washington and had two interviews at Gov.-Elect Douglas' rooms at the state house with Capt. John J. Flaherty relative to staff matters, particularly regarding the general's exact status and specific duties. It is understood that a statement intended to throw light on this subject will be issued in a day or two.

Adjt.-Gen. Samuel Dalton has made every preparation for leaving the service of the state on Jan. 4, the day previous to the inauguration of Gov. Douglas. He has about completed his report of the work of his office for the year and will turn over to Gen. Miles a force in fine shape and a sum of money to the credit of the commonwealth on the books of the war department of about $157,000.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, he will tender his resignation to Gov. Bates and his resignation will be accepted. He will not attend the inauguration on Jan. 5, but has written a letter to his successor in which he states that he will be on hand at any time the former may desire his presence and will only be too happy to assist him in getting in touch with the business of the office.

On Jan. 5 the staff of Gov. Bates will attend the governor-elect to the inaugural ceremony and after he and his staff have been sworn will retire from service. As the governor-elect cannot commission his own staff until sworn in himself, the courtesy of having the presence of the military family of Gov. Bates will doubtless be appreciated.

Among other callers upon Gov.-Elect Douglas yesterday, were the Hon. George Fred Williams and the Hon. William S. McNary. It is understood that Mr. Williams made some suggestions relative to inaugural recommendations that he thought the governor-elect should make, but Mr. Williams declined afterward to state the nature of the interview. Mr. Williams intends to leave on a business trip to the city of Mexico on Sunday next.

EMPEROR NICHOLAS

SAYS ACT OF PRESIDENT OF ZEMSTVOS IS PRESUMPTUOUS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22—On the margin of a telegram from the president of the zemstvo of the government of Chernigov, regarding reforms in state matters, Emperor Nicholas, according to a communication published in the official messenger today appended a note as follows:

"I consider the action of the president to be presumptuous and tactless. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the zemstvos whose functions and rights are clearly defined by the law."

ALLEGED MURDERER

NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE THROUGH THE DAY.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 22—Fred Janes, the alleged murderer of Constable William H. Gray and Mrs. Abbie Goodrich, at Charlotteville, yesterday, survived the night at the jail, but is reported today as sinking and his death is expected at any time from his self inflicted wound.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 22—The allotment of the funds and space for the government has been made and a copy received at exposition headquarters. It shows that the exhibit of the government will be complete in every detail. Seventy per cent. of the St. Louis exhibit is to be removed to Portland and, in addition to this, there will be additional features not seen in that city. The largest exhibits will be the fisheries which will occupy 12,000 square feet.

DROPPED DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Seth Stoddard Wood, well known as a writer on social economics, has dropped dead in the street at Passaic, N. J. In 1869, he established a household magazine which gained considerable circulation. For many years, he contributed frequent articles to various periodicals.

NEW ALLAN LINER LAUNCHED.

GLASGOW, Dec. 22—The new Allan line Turbine steamer Virginian was launched here today. She is a sister ship of the Victorian.

The Victorian was launched at Belfast August 25. She is of about 12,000 tons gross, of about 10,000 horse power and is upward of 600 feet long.

PAY NO DIVIDEND.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22—The directors of the Dominion coal company have decided to pay no dividend on the common stock on account of the large floating debt, but the half yearly dividend of four per cent. on the preferred has been declared.

HELD SMOKE TALK.

The Street Railway Men's union held a smoke talk at their meeting hall in Merrimack street last night. A large number of members were in attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent. A program was furnished by the members. It was after midnight when the affair was brought to a close.

Chevalier lodge, K. of P., No. 2, held their regular meeting last night and elected officers as follows: C. C., F. M. Robitaille; V. C., C. E. Wheeler; prelate, H. Whittier; M. W., F. A. George; M. A. John Boutman; I. G., C. A. Haskill; O. G., Peter Gillespie; M. of F., Lewis Sykes; M. of E., Herbert Pilling; K. of R. and S., Lyman Hedgman.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER.

The free Xmas dinner baskets to be given by the Salvation Army will be given out on Saturday. Those holding tickets, by presenting them at 33 Shattuck street, between 2 and 4 p. m., will receive their baskets. On Monday, Dec. 26th, a tabl ewill be laid for about 400 people with good things, including turkey, beef, pork, vegetables, bread and butter, pie, apples, coffee, sugar, cranberries.

Contributions of bread, pie, coffee, sugar, cranberries are needed. Please send to 33 Shattuck street Friday or Saturday of this week.

MILLS WILL BE STARTED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—Thousands of idle men in South Chicago will have employment the day following New Year's. The two largest mills of the Illinois steel company will be started then and the entire steel plant, for the first time in months, will hum with industry.

About 10,000 men are engaged in all the departments.

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GASTON AND THAYER

MAY RECEIVE THE DEMOCRATIC VOTES FOR SENATOR.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Whom will the six democratic senators and 68 democratic representatives in the state legislature honor when it comes to voting for U. S. senators in the legislature in January? Apparently that is a question which has not, in the stress of state and city political happenings, yet received serious consideration by the leaders of the democratic party.

The republicans in the legislature will, of course, take care of the election of successor to Senator Lodge, whose term expires next March, and to Senator Crane, who was appointed by Gov. Bates to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hoar, until the legislature elects. Senator Lodge will undoubtedly succeed himself, and Senator Crane will be elected to fill the late Senator Hoar's unexpired term, or until March 4, 1907.

The democratic minority usually honors one of its prominent leaders when the roll is called, and the senators and representatives announce their preference. Hon. Patrick A. Collins and Hon. Alexander B. Bruce have in recent years received the votes of the minority for the U. S. senate.

This year, with the opportunity of voting for two U. S. senators, and with little chance of a republican contest, and no likelihood, therefore, that the minority will hold the balance of power and vote for either of two rival candidates, the names of two leading democrats will be written into the records, and will go down into history as having received the votes of a minority of the Massachusetts legislature for the U. S. senate.

In so far as it has been at all discussed by local leaders, it has been suggested that the democrats in the legislature can afford to divide the honors between the city and the country democracy. The two candidates mentioned by a prominent democratic leader yesterday were Col. William A. Gaston and Hon. John R. Thayer.

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LATEST

PLEADED GUILTY

End of Walpole Manslaughter Case

DEDHAM, Dec. 22—A plea of guilty of simple assault was accepted today in the case of Ralph Hudson, the sixteen year old Walpole boy charged with manslaughter in causing the death of J. Orlo Harding at Walpole, September 23. On recommendation of district attorney French the lad was placed on probation, the case was tried in the Norfolk county district court before Judge Sherman, at whose suggestion the change in plea was made.

Harding was driving a laundry wagon in Walpole on September 23 and some boys, among whom was young Hudson, threw apples at him. Harding jumped from his team and it is alleged he struck the Hudson boy with his whip. Thereupon Hudson struck Harding who fell, dying later from injuries received by his head striking the ground in his fall.

HAVERHILL CLUB

WAS AWARDED THE NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE PENNANT.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—The members of the New England baseball league assembled at the Parker House this city this afternoon for the annual meeting of the league. The directors of the league, including A. G. Doe of New Bedford; Thos. F. McDermott of Fall River; Fred Lake of Lowell and John J. Carrigg of Haverhill, met before the members assembled and voted to award the championship for 1904 to the Haverhill club.

At the general meeting the chief matters to be considered were possible changes in the circuit. It was understood that the Nashua club would be removed to Lynn.

Another matter of business was to ratify several changes in the constitution which has been given much attention by President Murnane during the past six months. The principal amendment provides for a ruling that the directors of the league may at any time, for business reasons, make a change in the league circuit.

Secretary Morse was authorized to appoint a schedule committee for next year. His report stated that the league never had been so prosperous financially and otherwise.

Last winter the officers were elected for two years, so there was no business of that nature.

SHOT AND KILLED

LAWYER WAS ATTACKED BY A GAMBLER.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—J. E. Christian, a lawyer and partner of Joseph M. Sanders, recently elected supreme judge, was shot and almost instantly killed at Oceana today by "Ren" Canterbury, who escaped to the mountains. A posse is in pursuit. Canterbury through Christian's efforts had been indicted for running a gambling house.

DREYFUS CASE

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WILL RECOMMEND A RE-TRIAL.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—It is unofficially reported that the attorney-general who is examining the Dreyfus case has decided to recommend a re-trial before a court-martial. This, it is added, is subject to the approval of the court of cessation which meets in February next.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA

JOHNSON WAS NEVER BITTEN BY MAD DOG.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Fred Johnson, 32 years old, is dead of hydrophobia, although it is declared he never had been bitten by a mad dog. He became ill last Sunday and some time before his death attacked his wife and two small children.

Johnson's pet dog was bitten last July by a rabid animal and the man constantly worried over the matter. Finally a policeman killed the pet. A physician diagnosed Johnson's case and declared the man contracted rabies because he constantly was fearing hydrophobia.

GEORGE MONROE WON.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Dec. 22—George Monroe of New York has been given the decision over Tommy Gilfeather after 15 rounds of fast fighting in this city. The bout went to the limit and both men were strong at the finish. The men weighed in at 121 pounds.

POSTMASTER NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Charles S. Stevens today was appointed postmaster at Stevens Mills, Vermont.

CONVENTION SIGNED.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22—The convention on the status of hospital ships agreed upon by the delegates of the powers to the International conference on the subject was signed today in the presence of the foreign minister. Subsequently Queen Wilhelmina and the Queen mother received the delegates.

GLOOMY HOLIDAY

For the Operatives in Fall River

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 22.—No special meeting of the Textile council will be called to consider the refusal of the manufacturers to submit the strike dispute to arbitration. Labor leaders say they have done all they can to adjust the difficulties and that the strike must go on until there is some definite movement on the part of the operatives to return to the mills or the manufacturers offer something that will give the help the assurance that their more than 22 weeks' struggle has not been entirely in vain. A speedy settlement of the strike now appears to depend upon assurances of the manufacturers that wages will be restored under favorable conditions and that minor grievances, independent of the reduction will be remedied.

A conciliatory offer on the part of the mill men is apparently all that will interfere with a settlement of the strike.

It is expected that the manufacturers will make a conciliatory offer; otherwise the strike will go on for some time to come. The Carders' association is paying its members double strike benefits for Christmas. The National holiday will be the most gloomy ever experienced in this city.

JUDGE GROSSUP

ORDERS SALE OF SEVERAL CAR COMPANIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Judge Grossup in the United States circuit court today ordered a sale of the car companies controlled by the Union Traction company. The receivers of the companies applied for authority to issue certificates to pay for equipment, repairs, etc. The bond-holders objected and intimated that the court should sell the property. Judge Grossup in the interests of the bond holders and stock holders declined to order the sale and ordered the Union Traction company to produce the money required by the receivers, under their agreement with the underlying companies.

STRIKE ENDED

LONGSHOREMEN MADE APPLICATION FOR RE-INSTATEMENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The strike of the one hundred and fifty longshoremen in the employ of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company, this city, was ended today, when the men made application for re-instatement. About fifty were taken back at once, the company informing the others that they would be re-instated as soon as vacancies occurred, though none of the strike breakers would be discharged to create vacancies. The longshoremen went back because they believed their cause was hopeless. The strike, which has been in progress for three weeks, was brought about by the discharge of three unionists.

BAND OF ROBBERS

BELL-BOYS WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A gang of bell-boys organized to steal the property of guests in the down-town hotels, has been discovered by the police and money and jewelry amounting to nearly $1,000 have been found in their possession. Among the thefts admitted by the band was that of 16 diamonds from an actress, who is staying at a down-town hotel. One of the boys was called the "Transom monkey." Their plan, he said, was to rob guests as they slept. It is said that they sometimes used chloroform.

DRANK POISON

WELL KNOWN BOSTON TAILOR COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Harris Gollance, the proprietor of a well known ladies' tailoring establishment at Park square, was found dead at his home in the South End today from the effects of drinking carbolic acid.

NEW MINISTER NAMED.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22.—Count Gyldenstolpe, Swedish-Norwegian minister at St. Petersburg, has been appointed minister in successor to C. P. Lagerheim, who resigned November 7. M. Ramstedt, a councillor of state, has been acting recently as foreign minister, pending the appointment of a successor to M. Lagerheim.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Edith Gumb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Gumb, observed the fifteenth anniversary of her birth at her home, 28 Anderson street, Tuesday night. About 25 of the young lady's friends were present and games were enjoyed during the evening. A fine musical and literary program was also carried out, and refreshments were served. The little hostess was the recipient of many beautiful and appropriate presents.

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THEY ARE GUILTY

Verdict in the Conspiracy Cases

BOSTON, Dec. 22—A verdict of guilty for conspiracy to defraud the United States government was reported today in the United States district court against Samuel Grunberg and Charles A. Baitler of the Glasgow Mfg. Company, and John W. Trafton and James A. Shedd, formerly examiners of imports for the government. The specific charge against all four defendants was that they had entered into a conspiracy to bring into this country dry goods without paying the revenue required by law. The principal violation of the law was by importing laces from Switzerland and by undervaluing them to defraud the government of its legal tariff. The jury which considered these cases retired at noon yesterday and did not reach a verdict until just before the court came in today. Judge Francis Lowell received the report. The trial lasted forty days.

Counsel for the defence gave notice that they would file a bill of exceptions. Notice of a motion for a new trial was also given. It is understood that the most important matter to be considered in the exceptions will be the question as to what constitutes conspiracy. It is intended to carry this matter to the United States supreme court upon specific points never before raised in this country. The maximum federal penalty for conspiracy to defraud is two years' imprisonment or a fine of $10,000, or both.

VERDICT OF $500

FOR WOMAN WHO WAS STRIPPED AND WHIPPED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Miss Priscilla Odell has been given a verdict of $500 by a jury in the district court at Independence against Julia Betz, H. R. els, G. W. Betz, Euphemia Raley, Charles N. Raley and Maggie J. Cooper whom she charged with whipping her publicly. All are residents of Atherton, Mo. Miss Odell who was a clerk in the store of J. C. B. Hiffner was, according to the evidence, taken from the store one night last February, stripped off her clothing and whipped with a rope. The women accused of taking part in the whipping are married.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	141¾
Am Sugar pfd	138
A & T	85⅛
*A & T pfd	101
B & O	99¾
B & O pfd	95⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	59½
Chi & Gt W	22
C M St & P	168½
C R & P	33⅛
C R & P pfd	84⅝
Con Gas	194¾
Del & Hud	156
Erie R R	36¼
Erie 1st	74⅛
Gen Elect	185⅛
*Manhat Con	163¼
Mo Kan & Tex	30½
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	63½
Met St Ry	121
*Mis Pac	105¼
N Y Cen	139¾
N Y Ont & W	40
Penn	135⅞
People's Gas	105½
So Pac	62⅝
Reading	76⅝
Reading pfd	91
Reading 2d pfd	81½
Tex & Pac	34
Union Pac	109½
Union Pac pfd	96
U S Steel	28⅛
U S Steel pfd	90⅝
Wabash	21¾
Wabash pfd	42⅝
W U Telegraph	92½
U S Leather	14
U S Leather pfd	101¼

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	5⅞
Amalgamated	65¼
American Wool	21
American Wool pfd	93¾
Am Tel & Tel	146⅝
Arcadia	1¾
Atlantic	16
Anaconda	29
Anaconda	106
Allouez	17¾
B & Maine	170½
Bingham	34⅝
Boston	6¼
Calumet & Hecla	639
Centennial	23⅝
Chicago Junction	152
Chicago Junction pfd	127
Copper Range	64½
Dom Steel	17¾
Dom Coal	63½
Daly-West	11⅞
Elm River	2½
Elevated	153¼
Fitchburg	140
Franklin	17
Granby	5
Greene	23¾
Mass	8½
Mass Gas	37¾
Mass Gas pfd	89
Mass Electric	14¼
Mass Electric pfd	57
Mayflower	1
Mex Cen	20¾
Michigan	9
M C & C	5
Mohawk	49
N E Tel	138
Osceola	91
N Y, N H & H R R	196
Old Colony Mino	1⅛
Old Colony R R	205
Old Dominion	26½
Shannon	⅞
Royal	5
Rhode Island	1½
Tamarack	119
Tennessee	37⅞
Parrott	26½
Quincy	105
Santa Fe	2¼
Trinity	8½
United States	23⅝
United States Oil	11
Utah	41⅛
Victoria	4¼
Winona	11
Wolverine	105
Western Tel	20⅛
Western Tel pfd	100
West End	92
West End pfd	113
Wyandotte	4

*Ex-Dividend.

CUTTING THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH WIRES.

IN BAD BUSINESS

Lineman Cut Telegraph Wires For Spite

IN COURT McTAVEY PLEADED GUILTY

He Was Ordered to Recognize in Sum of $500

Because the Postal Telegraph company owed him money which he refused to go to Boston and collect, Owen McTavey, a lineman, cut seven of the company's wires near the Colburn school in Lawrence street yesterday afternoon and then apprised the company's local agent, Mr. William Morris, of what he had done. McTavey is 38 years old and says he belongs in Lawrence.

When McTavey telephoned to Mr. Morris, telling him that he had cut the wires, Mr. Morris reported the matter to the police and notified the Boston office. Inspector Walsh went out on the case and came upon McTavey in very quick time. McTavey was standing at Tower's corner when the officer approached him. He admitted he cut the wires and seemed satisfied that he had taken the proper course. There was no other way, he said, that he could get square with the company.

McTavey has been working for the Postal company down in Maine and he arrived in Lowell yesterday. He claimed that the company owed him $30 and he wanted Mr. Morris to pay him. Mr. Morris told him he had nothing to do with that end of the business and advised him to go to Boston.

In police court today McTavey was charged with injuring wires by cutting them. He pleaded not guilty and said he was ready for trial. Lawyer Harris appeared for the commonwealth and asked that the case be continued to Saturday. McTavey expressed a desire to hire a lawyer and was ordered to recognize in the sum of $500 until Saturday morning.

IN CIVIL SERVICE

Dates Announced of Coming Examinations

The civil service commissioners have notified City Clerk Dadman that examinations will be held in Lowell on the following dates: March 2, clerks, messengers, Schedule A, class 1; March 3, Clerks, messengers, Schedule A, class 2; March 6, foremen of laborers, inspectors of work, Schedule B, class 6; March 6, schoolhouse janitors, Schedule B, class 1; March 29, Schedule B, class 3.

PRINCESS LOUISE

WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SEE HER CHILDREN.

DRESDEN, Dec. 22.—The former Crown Princess Louise who now bears the title of Countess Montignoso, arrived here unexpectedly today. Accompanied by a lawyer, she proceeded soon after her arrival to the Taschenberg palace and asked to be permitted to see her children. Permission, however, was refused and the princess announced her intention of leaving Dresden this afternoon. King Frederick Augusts, who is on a shooting excursion, has been informed of the arrival of his former wife.

The Princess Louise eloped in December, 1902, with M. Giron, the French tutor of her children and was subsequently divorced by her husband, now King of Saxony.

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Our furniture and household goods will be sold at Public Auction beginning Saturday, December 24, at 2 p.m., and every day and evening until goods are sold.

A big hole has been made in our stock by the fire but there is still a big and well assorted stock left to be sold. We are anxious to bring in our new stock which had been ordered and on its way here when the fire occurred. Therefore it is imperative to force out this present stock at your price.

All goods must be sold at cash.

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TWO MORE WARDS

Registrars Recount Vote of Seven Wards

The registrars of voters finished their day's work at 8 o'clock last evening. The closing work was with precinct 1 of ward 7. In this precinct Walker lost 3, and Welch lost 2, Taylor lost 1, Fairweather gained 2, and blanks gained 6.

This morning the registrars resumed work at 9.30 and counted up to 1 o'clock when they adjourned for dinner. They completed ward seven at noon adjournment and expect to finish their work and give out the corrected totals tonight. There were no material changes in the ward seven count.

A DENSE FOG

MADE LONDON'S NOON LOOK LIKE MIDNIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—London was enveloped yesterday afternoon in a black fog more dense than anything witnessed during the past two years. As early as 2 p. m. the city was lighted up as at night, but even electricity and gas failed to dispel the gloom. The fog was particularly thick in the west end, where the streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers. In many places the traffic was almost completely stopped and the greatest care was necessary to avoid accidents, a number of which were reported.

As night closed in the density increased and the effect was extremely weird, the most brilliant electric light only serving to make the darkness visible. In the most crowded section of the centre of London vehicle traffic was completely stopped, pedestrians lost their way and policemen their sense of direction. Torchboys did a roaring business.

Queen Alexandra, who intended to leave London for Sandringham last evening, postponed her departure on account of the fog and the consequent difficulty of driving to the station from Buckingham palace.

SENATOR DEPEW

WILL NOT SPEAK OF HIS CONFERENCE WITH ODELL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Governor Odell left this city early today for Albany. Senator Depew, who with former Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, conferred with the governor late last night, said today that it would be injudicious for him to say anything at this time about his talk with Governor Odell. The committee appointed by the Platt-Depew conference yesterday to notify Governor Odell of the sentiment of the conferees was expected to report to Platt the result of Chairman Woodruff's talk with Governor Odell last night.

New Xmas goods. Oriental Bazaar.

IN JURY'S HANDS

Continued.

STORY OF CRIME

WITH WHICH NAN PATTERSON WAS CHARGED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The crime with which Nan Patterson, the former show girl, was charged in a trial to end today, was one of the most sensational in New York criminal annals. Its peculiar circumstances, the prominence of Caesar Young in sporting circles, and the glamor thrown around the central figure in the case because of her membership in one of the famous "Florodora" sextettes all tended to lend it an interest hardly rivalled in recent years. From that word vaguely defined as "Sporting" the interest in "the murder in the hansom cab" spread through all circles and the proceedings of the trial have been read from coast to coast and have held a place on the first page of the metropolitan press.

With Miss Patterson sitting beside him in a cab, Caesar Young was on his way to a steamship pier, where his wife awaited him, to sail with her for Europe. The trip avowedly was planned to break his relations with the girl. It was early in the morning and but few pedestrians were abroad on the street through which the cab was hurrying to the dock. There was a pistol shot and Young fell forward, his head in the girl's lap, dead with a bullet wound in his chest. Just what transpired in the glass enclosed vehicle probably will never be known. The cabman testified he heard a report.

He knew nothing more. For some days silence prevailed. Then a flood of alleged eye witnesses turned up. Their stories, however, could not stand investigation and one after another of these witnesses were cast aside as sensation seekers. Then an old man Martin Hazelton of Oneonta, came forward. His probity was unquestioned. His standing in his home town was of the best, and he told what he had seen on that June morning. He saw the man and woman, their hands clasped and held face high, then a flash, a puff of smoke and the report of a revolver broke the stillness of the morning. He was the most important witness placed on the stand and the efforts of the prosecution to shake his brief but vital testimony went for naught. The defendant herself went to the witness chair and told the whole story of her relations with Young.

It was a cruel ordeal but she told it all in a straightforward manner, from the day she met the man who was to turn her life into tragedy's path, to the fatal moment in the cab. She said her companion shot himself. He held both her wrists with one hand and as she struggled to free herself, she heard a revolver's report and Young sank into her lap, dead. This, in brief, is the story of a case that has been a three times nine-days' talk in New York. There were many sensational sidelines to it, none of which was brought out in the trial. One of the strangest of these is the missing eye witness. Mr. Hazelton said that another man stood beside him and saw the tragedy. He was a casual street acquaintance who gave him a Masonic greeting and whose name he did not know. He had introduced himself as "A brother from the Rocky mountains."

The unknown has been searched for far and wide by by the prosecution and the defence. The story of his presence has been published in every newspaper in the country, but he did not come forth, even though a human life might have depended upon his word. There were other lines of investigation, heralded by the defence as vital, that played no part in the trial, and no case in years, surrounded as it was at first with so much seeming mystery, has been so barren of the dramatic and unexpected in the court room.

LEGION OF HONOR DECORATIONS

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The minister of commerce has decided to present a bill to the chamber of deputies authorizing 250 decorations of the Legion of Honor of various ranks in connection with the St. Louis exposition. Practically they will all go to French exhibitors.

HE WILL RETIRE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—Munson Trowbridge, instructor in rhetoric at Yale, has decided to retire at the end of the present year. For several years he has been the official head coach of the Yale intercollegiate debating team.

DIED IN BED

POLICE INVESTIGATING CAUSE OF RICH MAN'S DEATH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The police of Brooklyn today investigated the death of George W. Martin, a prominent real estate man said to be worth $500,000, who was found dead in bed in the rear parlor of his home in Brooklyn today. A bottle of chloroform stood open on the table beside the bed and the right hand of the dead man clutched a handkerchief which had been saturated with the drug.

The discovery of the body was made by Charles Miller, the dead man's valet, who said he had been absent over night and that Martin was in the habit of using chloroform when suffering from a stomach disorder.

PRINCE ULLAH

WILL VISIT THE VICEROY OF INDIA.

PESHWAR, Northern India, Dec. 22.—Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, has arrived here on his way to visit Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India. The prince with a considerable suite left Kabul for India at about the same time that the British mission, headed by foreign secretary of the Indian government, Louis Dane, started for Kabul, the Afghan capital.

LOST—Envelope containing sum of money between Lane st. and Appleton Co. office, Jackson st. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 37 Lane st.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A 2-horse power electric motor with pulleys and shafting, 30 John st.

FINANCIAL LOSS

CAUSED BY COLD WEATHER AND LOW WATER.

CHESTER, Vt., Dec. 22.—Unusually cold weather, lack of snow and low water in the streams are causing much inconvenience and considerable financial loss to residents of this section of Vermont. There have ben few mornings this month when the mercury in local thermometers has not gone down as far as zero and on several days it has dropped from 12 to 18 below. There has not been enough snow to maintain sleighing for more than a day or two and as a result the ground is frozen to a depth of fifteen inches. Lumbermen are unable to get their logs out of the woods and farmers have the same difficulty with their cord-wood.

PRACTICAL TEST

TO DETERMINE RELATION BETWEEN DIPHTHERIA AND SPOTTED FEVER.

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 22.—The first practical test of the theory recently advanced by Dr. Wolff of Hartford, a bacteriological expert whose experiments would indicate a definite relation between diphtheria and cerebro-spinal meningitis or "spotted fever" which has caused many deaths in this section within the last few months, is being made in Forestville. A young daughter of Frank Dietrich was taken sick yesterday with "spotted fever" and the disease progressed so rapidly that when a physician arrived he considered the case almost helpless. As a last resort 6000 units of diphtheria anti-toxin were administered with the result that the patient was much improved today and there is thought to be a good prospect of recovery. The experiment is being followed with great interest by local physicians as there have been twelve deaths from the disease in this town in as many weeks.

FUNERALS

CRANE—The funeral of Miss Catherine Crane was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Molloy and services were held at St. Peter's church by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The bearers were Patrick J. Egan, Joseph Carr, John Buckley and James E. O'Donnell. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MASTERSON—The funeral of Joseph Masterson was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his parents, 39 Lilley avenue, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

PINEAU—The remains of the late Mrs. Pineau were consigned to their final resting place in St. Patrick's cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from her late home, 105 Bridge street and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from Salem and Peabody.

The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Denis Murphy.

The choir which was under the direction of Mr. J. Murphy sung the Gregorian mass.

During the service appropriate selections were rendered by different members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, the following being the most prominent: large wreath on base, employes of the Merrimack Clothing Co.; standing cross and crown on base, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. O'Brien; spray of cut flowers, Miss Annie Harrington; basket of roses and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keyes; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loper of Salem; spray of chrysanthemums, Mrs. J. Loper, of Salem; spray of pinks, Mr. R. J. Butcher; spray of pinks, Miss J. A. Ward, Peabody. The casket was borne from the church by Messrs Daniel Sullivan, Daniel S. O'Brien, Henry Keyes and Charles Harrington. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker Saunders.

DEATHS

TARRANT—John Tarrant, aged 59 years, died this morning at his home, 43 Crosby steet. He leaves a wife, three sons, John, Richard and Edward and four daughters, Mrs. James Flannagan, Mrs. Michael Vaughn and Misses Annie and Nellie. The deceased was an old resident of this city and a devout member at St. Peter's church.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning from his home at 8.30 o'clock and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at nine o'clock.

HADLEY—Raymond E. Hadley, aged five months and 24 days, son of Everett E. and Lilla M., died yesterday at the home of his parents, 17 South Loring street.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, friends invited.

BLACKIE—Mrs. Mary E. Blackie, aged 49 years, died at her home, 210 Wilder street. She was the wife of Robert A., and is survived by five daughters, Nellie, Margaret, Eva, Edith and Nina.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends invited.

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Nowhere in Lowell can he had as good value in Christmas goods as at Howard, the Druggist's, 197 Central street.

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SHOT AND KILLED

Jones Murdered Two Persons and Then Tried Suicide

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fred Jones, a clerk in Petit's grocery store at Charlotteville, yesterday afternoon shot and killed Constable William C. Gray and Mrs. Abbie Goodrich, a widow. He then turned the revolver upon himself and fired a bullet into his brain. He is still alive, but surgeons say he cannot recover.

Jones was a suitor for Mrs. Goodrich's hand and the shooting was the result of her refusal to accept his attentions. Jones is 28 years old and Mrs. Goodrich was 54 and the mother of several grown children.

So persistent had Jones become that Mrs. Goodrich went before a justice of the peace at noon and made a complaint, claiming that he had threatened to kill her and set her buildings on fire if she would not marry him. A warrant was issued and given to Constable Gray to serve. Gray went to the store where Jones was working. Jones asked that Mrs. Goodrich be sent for in order that he might adjust matters and avoid being arrested. Jones and Constable Gray were in a back room when Mrs. Goodrich entered the store. When Jones heard the woman's voice he drew a revolver and shot Gray in the head, killing him instantly, and then stepping over the officer's body, entered the store and shot Mrs. Goodrich in the leg, causing her to fall to the floor. Advancing close to her prostrate form, Jones put another bullet into her head. He then shot himself in the head, inflicting a fatal wound. Mrs. Goodrich died an hour later. Jones was brought to a hospital at Lockport.

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FINAL MEETING

The joint standing committee on claims at its final meeting of the year last night voted to recommend that $220 be awarded to Patrick M. Flanagan, a former employe of the city, who lost an eye through an injury received while at work on the "ledge" some time ago.

It was also voted to award the Traders' and Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company $50 in consequence of the fire on James G. Hill's house in Third street which was started by a spark from one of the city's steam rollers.

The Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company also had a petition in for $40 and leave to withdraw was recommended.

TO UNITE CHURCHES

CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN TORONTO.

ST JOHN, N. B., Dec. 22.—A deputation from the maritime provinces is attending a conference in Toronto, which seeks to arrange a union of the Methodist ,Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Canada. The churches concerned have not given their representatives authority to commit them to any line of action, but the delegates have been instructed to consider details of the proposed amalgamation.

According to the late census, the Methodists in Canada numbered 916,-862, the Presbyterians 842,301, and the Congregationalists 28,283. The Methodists and the Presbyterians are the leading bodies in point of membership.

CHIMNEY FIRE

SLIGHT DAMAGE TO HOUSE IN LAGRANGE STREET.

An alarm from box 225 at 8.31 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a chimney fire in a house in Lagrange street near Suffolk street, belonging to J. J. Coffey.

CLOTHING AFIRE.

The members of Hose 7 were called to a house in Cherry street, off Chapel street, this morning at eight o'clock to extinguish a fire in a house belonging to Mrs. C. L. Stone. One of the occupants of the house was using a lighted candle when the flame came in contact with some clothing and set the latter afire. The damage was slight.

NORMAL SCHOOL

Christmas Entertainment by Miss Hussey

A fine Christmas entertainment was held at the State Normal school in Broadway yesterday afternoon, the affair being given by Miss Mary Hussey, teacher of elocution and physical culture, assisted by Miss Helen Wetmore of Boston, soprano, and Mr. Arthur C. Spalding, accompanist.

The class rooms, corridors and lecture hall were decorated in a very artistic manner with spruce boughs tied with broad streamers of red and with holly. A few specially invited friends were present and with the members of the faculty and their families and the young women students, the attendance was very large. The students all wore the color red, there being touches of that color in ties, belts or gowns.

The program opened with Miss Wetmore singing one of Mrs. Beach's compositions, "A Song of Love." She is possessed with a beautiful voice and the applause tendered her after each selection was vociferous. She also sang "The Year's at the Spring" and "Mighty Like a Rose."

Miss Hussey's first reading was "Hiawatha's Wooing," from Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha." She also gave Tennyson's "Bugle Song" and her selections from Eugene Field were well given. Besides the regular program she gave "Maiden and Weathercock," by Longfellow, and "The Night Wind," by Field.

Mr. Spalding's work at the piano was excellent.

Both Miss Hussey and Miss Wetmore received bunches of violets, presented by the young women students.

WESTFORD.

There was a large attendance at the double silver medal contest which was held at the town hall last Friday evening. The platform had been beautifully decorated, for the occasion, with evergreen trees and boughs, with a mingling of crape paper and fancy dolls, which was quite suggestive of Christmas.

Rev. C. C. P. Hiller took charge of the program, and made the opening prayer, which was brief but certainly helpful to all present. Before the speaking commenced he mentioned how W. J. Demorest of New York had originated the medal contests work, nearly twenty years ago, in order that the young people of America, and as it turned out all over the world, might lift their voices to help along the temperance cause. He then explained how the marking was to be done on the judge's blanks. Following the recitations by the Misses Lucy T. Lambert and Georgie Lang, came a beautifully rendered solo by Mrs. Hiller. Then two more recitations by the Misses Luella Wright and Effie M. Bennett, when the Grange quartet favored the audience with a song which was heartily encored. After the last young lady, Miss Mattie Symmes had recited, Mr. Hiller invited the audience to rise and sing America, which was done with a will. Then came the recitations by the young gentlemen, Ralph A. Shaw, Frank Slingrue, Louis Jenkins and D. Richard Connell, interspersed with singing by the quartet, and followed by another song from Mrs. Hiller, during which the judges, Prof. H. W. Lewis, Rev. J. F. Mallek and Mr. L. E. Fletcher all of Littleton, and Mr. Frederick Snow of West Chelmsford had retired to the judges' room. While they were out Mr. Hiller made a little temperance speech of his own, and commended the excellent way in which the young people, who had just spoken, had deported themselves. Prof. Lewis announced the report of the judges and said that Littleton was always interested in Westford's affairs and that it gave him pleasure to be present on this occasion. The medal for the young ladies was awarded to Miss Effie May Bennett and Ralph A. Shaw was the winner of the other medal. He spoke of the very excellent manner in which all of the contestants had recited, and was sorry not to be able to award each one a medal, and trusted that at some future contests each one would be so honored. Mrs. Hiller presented the medal to Miss Bennett, and also pinned on to each of the other young ladies a speaker's pin, which was also of silver, but considerably smaller than the medal and engraved on it in blue enamel were the letters "M. C.," indicating the contest. Mrs. Hiller made an appropriate speech to each contestant as she fastened on their badges.

Mr. Hiller then pinned the other medal to the coat of Ralph A. Shaw and congratulating each of the boys in turn, fastened a speaker's pin on their coats, and with commendatory words to all the contestants and thanks to the judges and all others who had aided to make the occasion so highly successful, he closed the exercises of the evening.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

BELLEVUE VILLA WAS BURNED TODAY.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Bellevue Villa, the little summer hotel which has sheltered the University of Pennsylvania boat crews during their season of training here for the past ten years, was burned today. The loss is placed at $25,000.

The hotel which had accommodations for ninety guests was situated on the west bank of the Hudson river opposite this city. It was unoccupied when the fire broke out.

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Best Corned Beef, 5c to 7c lb	
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LOST—Young black dog, part spaniel, answers to name Pete. Reward at Joseph O'Brien's, 27 Dumphey st. Pawtucketville.

LOST—Black cocker spaniel, long tail, name "Phil." $15 reward for return or information leading to recovery. H. H. Wright, Concord, N. H. Box 685.

LOST—A black wrist bag containing pocketbook, bills and change, also tickets for Highland club hall. Return to Room 5 Glidden building.

FOUND—On Merrimack street a pocketbook containing a sum of money. Call at The Sun Office.

LOST—A pocketbook Monday morning on or between Lawson and Willie sts. Reward at 10 Lawson st.

LOST—A bunch of flat keys, between Grafton Hall and Simpson st., if found return to Grafton Hall, Merrimack st.

LOST—A package containing 2 back combs. Reward at Bon Marche office.

LOST—A tan color pocketbook in Bon Marche or Pollard's, owner's name on inside. Return to 287 Appleton st. and receive reward. Call evenings.

FOUND—A pocketbook in the Union Market, Middlesex st. Owner can have by proving property and paying charges.

LOST—Brindle bull pup, brown spot on back of neck. Return to 97 Christian st.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday some where between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

COMPANY BLAMED

HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF BROCKTON ALDERMEN.

BROCKTON, Dec. 22—Justice H. H. Chase, before whom the inquest was held recently regarding responsibility for the death of Ex-Alderman Harry Masters, a few weeks ago, who was electrocuted while using the telephone and electric light at the same time, gave out his finding in the matter yesterday afternoon.

It was, substantially, that Masters' death was brought about by reason of shock from an electric light wire, through gross negligence of the Edison electric illuminating company, its agents, or servants, inasmuch as there was evidence that a strong current had been detected on the wires, and had been reported to the company previous to the accident, and had not been removed.

The report has been sent to Dist. Atty. French.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.33, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.26, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.44, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.40, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w5.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.23 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Aye Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.39, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02, 10.39 a. m.; 12.09, 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.39, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:

a Via Wakefield Junction.
* Express. b Daily.
q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
w Via Western Division.
x Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

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WANTED—A man to work on farm, no milking, steady work. Michael Whelton, Mammoth Road.

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WANTED

WANTED—One or two children to board in private family, good home. Inquire 670 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

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SITUATION WANTED—Position as lumber surveyor. Inquire at Sun Office.

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IN OLDEN DAYS

How the Fire Laddies Fought Flames

CHIEF HOSMER AND DEPUTY CHIEF NORTON

Tell of Experiences in Early Days

The writer happened to be in the Central fire station the other day when Chief Hosmer and Assistant Chief Norton were in a reminiscent mood. They were talking of fires which they ran to in their boyhood days when at the sound of the word "Fire" every youngster ran to the nearest hose house and thought it jolly fun to help haul the crude piece of apparatus to the scene of the fire.

The drift of the conversation eventually went around to the manner in which the alarms were given in the early forties. In those days the firemen if they were prompt arrived on the scene in time to see the fire shooting out through the windows or else the whole roof would be afire. The only means of notifying the department was the shouting of "Fire," the word being passed from mouth to mouth until some of the bell ringers caught the sound and then the bell was tolled.

The police officers, there being very few at that time, were equipped with rattles to give the alarm, and strange to say it is doubtful if there is one of those rattles in existence at the present time. For instance, if there was a fire in Pawtucketville and a policeman discovered it he would take his rattle from his pocket and while running at top speed he would shout "Fire in Pawtucketville" and he would keep his rattle going. He would continue on his run cityward until he attracted the attention of another police officer, who would take up the cry and then the latter would start running towards the centre of the city, shouting at the top of his voice and swinging his rattle. The word would be passed from one policeman to another until the officer nearest the Market building caught the cry. The latter would rush into the building and notify the bell ringer, there being a bell on the Market building, now the police station, at that time.

Pawtucketville was then in what was known as ward five and the bell ringer would toll the bell in a lively manner for several minutes after which there would be five distinct blows notifying the firemen that there was a fire in the fifth ward. The ringing would then continue in a lively manner for another while and then five more distinct blows would be sounded. This was kept up until the bell ringer thought that the firemen throughout the city were fully notified.

The hand-tubs would then be manned, people who assisted in pulling the tubs being met at almost every corner the tub passed. Sometimes the firemen would reach the fire in time to extinguish the blaze before much damage was done, but more frequently the fire was nearly burned out, or else some of the early arrivals on the scene had extinguished it.

The firemen at that time were paid twenty cents for every hour they worked and when some of the young fellows got short of cash they would start the cry of "Fire," run to one of the stations, help pull the wagon to where the imaginary fire was, and earn twenty cents. False alarms were very numerous, the old reports of the chief of the fire department showing that more than half of the alarms were false. The sight of a light in a window or even a street light was enough to start a cry of fire in the early days.

Speaking about the old bell on the Market building very few people are aware of the fact that the bell which hung in the tower of that building and which informed the tub brigades where the fire was, is the bell which now hangs in the tower of the central fire station and which is one of the best sounding bells in the city today. In the early days however there was a tongue in the bell and a rope was used to make it speak, while a hammer operated by a telegraph system now sounds the bell.

During a lull in the conversation of the old times, Chief Hosmer swung around in his chair to his desk and reaching into a remote corner pulled three small piles of papers and handing them to the writer said, "Here are a few papers which are a trifle older than you are and which had something to do with the fire department of the olden days."

The first one of the papers which I opened was indeed an old one, it being the original appointment of Mr. Oliver M. Whipple as chief of the Lowell fire department for the year 1830, almost 75 years old. The paper was well preserved and opening it I read the following:

"By virtue of an act of the legislature of this commonwealth dated Feb. 6th, 1830, establishing a fire department in the town of Lowell we, the subscribed, have appointed and do hereby appoint Mr. Oliver M. Whipple of said town to be a fire ward of said fire department for the year ensuing. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April, A. D., 1830.

Joshua Swan,
Artemus Young,
James Tyler,
Selectmen of Lowell.

There were three other appointments of Mr. Whipple's, one being an appointment as engineer in 1831 and another in 1835, while the other was his appointment as assistant engineer for 1833.

The other papers were the returns of members of the fire companies of Lowell during 1835 and 1836 and contained the list of members of the following companies: 1, town engine; 2, machine shop; 3, Middlesex company; 4, Merrimack print works; 5, Merrimack company; 6, Appleton company; 7, Lowell company; 8, Tremont & Suffolk; 9, Lawrence company; 10, Belvidere hook and ladder company, Hamilton hose company and Appleton hose company.

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BOWLAWAY

This is the name of the new bowling alleys in the new O'Dowd building on Hurd street, and there is nothing better in New England. The place will be formally opened

Thursday Evening, Dec. 22

at 7 o'clock and the American orchestra will be in attendance.

Tonight

IS THE NIGHT

Everybody is Invited to Attend

Academy of Music

Richard F. Murphy, Prop. and Mgr.

Three Nights and Daily Matinees, Commencing

Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 22

The Latest Success,

THE CHILD WIFE

A heart-stirring story of modern married life full of laughter and tears, presented by a specially selected company of players.

A Complete Scenic Production—A Peerless, Powerful, Perfect Play.

POPULAR PRICES.

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AL. HAYNES, Manager.

ALL WEEK AFTERNOON AND EVENING DEC. 19

MRS. TOM THUMB

COUNT AND BARON MAGRI

Bon Marche Jungle

Parker Block, 67 Middle St.

Mme. Schell's Performing Lions

ADMISSION—10 CENTS

Free Ticket with every purchase of 50c or more at Bon Marche Store.

BROUGHT BAD LUCK

WOMAN STEPPED ON RABBIT'S FOOT AND BROKE LEG.

DANBURY, Dec. 22.—A man gave to Frederick Staples of Farmstead the left hind foot of a rabbit, solemnly vowing that the rabbit was shot in a cemetery at midnight. This was a fortnight ago.

Staples carried the rabbit's mystic foot constantly, but his luck did not improve. While Staples was dressing yesterday morning the rabbit's foot dropped out of his pocket without his knowing it. His wife entered the room and stepped on the "mascot."

Feeling it soft, furry, yielding to her tread, she jumped in fright, shrieking, "Mouse! Mouse! Help, Fred! Mouse!"

Mrs. Staples fell and broke her leg. She will be in bed for six weeks at least.

Staples threw the rabbit's foot into the stove.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

No Gift

can be more thoroughly satisfying than a new Piano. My stock of Pianos includes many remarkably fine instruments.

Upright Pianos

and Grands that have great power, rich tone quality and perfect action. The Christmas will indeed be merry where Santa Claus brings one of these Pianos. Be sure and call at

Grunewald's

32 CENTRAL ST., LOWELL

Before purchasing elsewhere.

WOMAN FLOATING

Found Off Herrick's Wharf Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The body of a well dressed woman, about 45 years old, was found floating on the water off Herrick's wharf, East Boston, at dusk last night. The harbor police sent the body to Briggs' undertaking rooms on Howard street.

From appearances the woman met death either by accident or by her own hand, but the medical examiner will perform an autopsy today. There are no marks upon the body which are taken to indicate foul play.

There is nothing about the clothing which it is thought will help her in her identification, and this gives rise to a theory that she removed all such marks in order to hide her identity.

The woman was 5 feet 7 inches in hight, and weighed about 145. She wore a red waist, black skirt and cape, the latter trimmed with fur, and black laced shoes and hose. The police think the body had been in the water about three days.

Goods at low prices, Oriental Bazaar.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

NORMAN'S SECRETARY SAID TO BE SHORT IN HIS ACOUNTS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 22.—George H. Norman, the well known clubman of Boston and Newport, and member of the Myopia polo club, last night made a criminal charge of embezzlement against his private secretary, Edwin L. Pike, formerly of Boston. A warrant of arrest has been sworn out, charging that young Pike converted $1500 of the funds of Mr. Norman to his own use.

Pike's Newport friends believe he is in Boston. Pike had a wide acquaintance among men here, and frequently gave expensive suppers in his apartments.

It has been Mr. Norman's custom when he goes away to leave with his secretary funds to meet any bills that may come due during his absence. Mr. Norman returned here from a visit to New York yesterday and his action against Pike followed.

Pike had a nice suite of rooms with E. Benjamin May on Bull street. It was said there last night that Mr. Pike had not been there since Monday evening, and it was not known there where he is.

Mr. Norman had all Pike's furnishings and effects in his apartments attached yesterday afternoon, and the sheriff put Mr. May in as keeper.

After going over his accounts yesterday, Mr. Norman could not give a definite idea last evening of how much the alleged shortage is, but he thought it was about $1500, and it was decided to make that amount the basis of the criminal proceedings.

Mr. Norman also caused an attachment to be placed on any funds that Pike had in the National Exchange bank, but his account there had been exhausted.

Mr. Norman was recently held up by two thugs in the Back Bay station at Boston. He clung to one, who was arrested.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

A PAID COACH

WANTED FOR THE HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Harvard Bulletin yesterday published a communication signed by 54 prominent Harvard graduates, petitioning for a paid football coach instead of the graduate coach who, for so many years has handled the Harvard teams.

"We believe," says the communication in part, "that a professional coach will no more affect the purely amateur standing of the team than does the paid trainer who looks after their physical condition or the professional instructor in the gymnasium."

ALTON B. PARKER

WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Alton Brooks Parker, formerly chief justice of the court of appeals, and democratic candidate for the presidency in the last election, was the guest of honor last night at a dinner given at the Waldorf-Astoria by the bench and bar of the city of New York. Republicans and democrats alike were present to honor the justice's return to the practice of law.

Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of the appellate division of the supreme court, was the presiding officer. The speakers included former Governor Frank S. Black, former Secretary of War Elihu Root, William B. Hornblower and Judge Parker.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Wm. T. Keogh's grand scenic production "The Child Wife" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music for three nights with daily matinees commencing this afternoon. The play is by Chas A. Taylor, one of the most successful writers of melodrama of the day. The characters and scenes have been taken from localities of New York City and New Hampshire, not yet used in the construction of a drama, so that an exceedingly entertaining story is the result. Love and passion are the dominant forces in the carrying out of the plot, which is strong in heart interest and thrilling situations. Great care has been used in the selection of the players and an exceptionally capable cast is promised. The scenic equipment, it is said, will excel any that has been seen here this season. There are nine big sets, painted from photographs of the places shown, the greatest of which is the one showing the Fall River Line steamer "Priscilla," passing through Hell Gate, and the rescue of the child-wife and her faithful husband during a raging storm.

CASTO THEATRE

Mrs. Tom Thumb, Count and Baron Magri, the world's famous minature artists, head the program at the Casto this week, and their comedy entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow," is one of the daintiest and most enjoyable acts in vaudeville. The Lilliputians are seen to excellent advantage in this comedy in which is introduced solos, duets and trios, graceful dancing, an enjoyable pantomime, and a duel between the count and baron. The remainder of the program is composed of all comedy acts. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

IS IN CONTEMPT

McBride Must Settle or Go to Jail

Patrick L. McBride of Lowell was adjudged in contempt of court by Judge Morton of the supreme court in Boston yesterday and ordered to pay a fine of $250 and costs, amounting to over $800, before noon, Dec. 29.

McBride claims he had a contract to make feed for Kemp's carding machine for seventeen years, but decided to make what he regarded as a better machine, and in violation of his contract began selling it. Kemp got an injunction to prevent McBride selling his machine and later got the judgment for contempt.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

HIS NAME IS BATTLING.

Kindly tell me in your next issue what "Battling" Nelson's first name is. We want to decide a bet.

A CONSTANT READER.

Nelson is of Dutch origin and his first name comes from that source.

SKATES and SLEDS

Make the children happy by giving them a Christmas present of a sled or a pair of our celebrated skates, every one is a racer, the roasting was never better and the ice is safe for skating. We keep all the best makes at lowest prices and we also have a line of

BEAUTIFUL LAMPS

and hundreds of articles that would make a grand Christmas present at

Napoleon Lafleur's

Remember the place

11 EAST MERRIMACK STREET

Bargain for everybody.

FIVE BIG CABLES

Released 100 Ton Floating Derrick

WHICH CRASHED INTO STERN OF BATTLESHIP

Accident Will Delay Sailing of the Texas

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard in the basin of Wallabout bay yesterday and crashed into the stern of the battleship, smashing several plates and so injuring the vessel that she will have to go into dry dock.

In the basin when a fierce squall swept over it were the Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Tacoma and Minneapolis. The Hercules was securely tied to the Connecticut and was landing great armor plates on the decks. The strain caused by the heavy wind caused the cables to break and the derrick started up the bay towards the warships. The water was lashed into a white foam and the Hercules gained great momentum. The naval officials were thrown into panic.

The tugs Narkeeta and Pentucket were hastily despatched to catch the fleeing derrick, which was making directly for the Tacoma and Minneapolis, moored close together. When almost upon the ships the Pentucket caught the Hercules and made fast to her. Before the derrick could be controlled, it swung around and struck the Texas squarely in the sternpost.

With the assistance of the Narkeeta, the Hercules was towed out of harm's way and was soon tied up to the Connecticut, where the unloading of the armor plates was resumed. The Texas had been coaling preparatory to joining the coast squadron for the mid-winter cruise. Naval Constructor Baxter inspected the vessel, ordered the coaling stopped and made preparations for dry docking the battleship today.

Several days must elapse before the Texas can be prepared for her cruise.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

WELLEYKAT CLUB.

Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Durgin in East Chelmsford, the Welleykat club of this city held its annual mistletoe and leap year party. Various members entertained with songs and recitations. Miss Jessie Smith, the well known contralto singer of St. Paul's M. E. church sang "O Promise Me," in her usual finished manner. Mr. Waldermer Chase entertained the party with sleight-of-hand of unusual order of excellence. Miss Alice Shicks and Miss Emma Stanley rendered a pleasing duet. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Durgin, were presented with a silver combination pie knife and date fork. The party returned home early yesterday morning in Mr. Durgin's bob-sled.

THE BUFFALO RACES.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The winners of the professional bicycle races at city convention hall last night were:

Five mile motor paced, Louis Mettling of Boston. Time—5.07 1-5.

Four mile motor paced; Nat Butler of Boston. Time—6.41 2-5.

Three mile motor-paced, Frank Caldwell, of Bristol, Conn. Time—3.01 2-5.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

BOLD BURGLARS

Worked Back Bay Section In Broad Daylight

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Three bold daylight burglaries in the Back Bay section were reported to the police last night. Two suites in the apartment house at 25 Hemenway street were entered and jewelry and silverware valued at $125 stolen. The other break was at 5 Hayllard street, where $100 worth of silverware was taken.

When Danger Signals

your liver out of order, constipation, or your stomach not working right, it's a sign of distress which, unheeded, will lead to trouble—it is time to take

Beecham's Pills

Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

BARGAINS IN

XMAS JEWELRY

Ladies' 14k Gold Watches	$17.50 to $40.00
Ladies' 20-year Gold Filled Watches	$10.00 to $18.00
Solid Gold Rings, our own make, for ladies or gentlemen,	$2.00 to $12.00
Gilt Clocks	95c to $8.00
Best Alarm Clocks	75c
Kitchen Clocks, eight-day and alarm, best make, only	$2.98

Great variety in Stick Pins, Lockets, Chains, Charms, Brooches, Hat Pins, Necklaces, Solid Gold Links at very low price. Kindly give us a call and you will save at least 25 per cent.

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Any goods will be exchanged or Money Cheerfully Refunded at any time before or after Christmas

"Don't You Hear Them Bells?"

THEM XMAS BELLS

ONLY 4 more days left before the Great Holiday and if some of the melody of them Xmas Bells does not get into your home it will be because like the foolish virgins, you waited till the eleventh hour. We cannot impress upon you the advisability of doing your shopping in the morning. Early shopping is at any time best, for it gives you full choice of the day's offerings. It is also more comfortable and insures you a greater measure of attention from the salesman than can be had during the rush. Save your nerves. Get your Christmas shopping done.

GLITTERING WITH NEWNESS

Our big store actually shines at this time—Christmas time. All over the store the new Holiday Goods are eminent in all their fresh beauty. The immense stock embraces all that is best, choicest and richest in its broadest meaning in practical Holiday Gifts for men and boys. The splendid values we offer this week will be appreciated and will force great sales.

ATTRACTIVE FURNISHING NOVELTIES

Rich Silk Neckwear, in all the latest shapes, in Christmas boxes, if you wish	19c to $1.00
Fine Silk and Cashmere Square Mufflers	25c to $1.50
Pure China Silk Handkerchiefs	25c and 50c
Japonette Initial Handkerchiefs	10c Each, 50c per ½ Doz.
Newport Made-up Mufflers	50c to $1.50
Fur-lined, Silk-lined and Unlined Gloves	49c to $4.50
Fine Domet and Madras Pajamas	$1.00 and $1.50
Hemstitched Holiday Linen Handkerchiefs, initial and plain	5c to 50c
Beautiful House Coats	$4.00 to $8.00
Fine Worsted and Angora Gloves	48c and 75c
Christmas Links and Stick Pins	25c to $1.00
Immense stock of Fancy Vests	98c to $3.00
Elegant Bath Robes	$3.95 to $9.00
Gentlemen's and Ladies' Umbrellas	95c to $5.00
Large Assortment of Christmas Suspenders	25c to $1.50
Arm Bands in unlimited variety	25c to $1.00
Boys' Sweaters	45c to $1.50
Men's Sweaters	95c to $4.50
Best Brands Gift Shirts	48c to $1.50
Fine Half Hose	25c and 50c
Way's Worsted Mufflers	25c and 45c
Fine Fur Caps	$2.00 to $4.00
Children's Worsted Toques	25c to $1.00
Children's Cloth and Knitted Caps	25c to $1.00
Fine Line House Slippers	50c to $1.50
Suit Cases of every dependable sort	$1.95 to $5.00

Overwhelming Christmas Sale of Fine Overcoats

The best Overcoat values ever heard of. We want to close out in the next few days the various short lots, resulting from the present season's enormous Overcoat business. We desire to give our clientele the benefit of the reduction at an opportune time.

Long, Loose Fitting, Belted, Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, garments that sold up to yesterday up to $15.00, to close at $10.00

Heavy, Strictly All Wool, Dublin Frieze Oxford Box Overcoats, splendidly lined, sizes up to 37 breast, $12.00 coats for $6.95

Loosely Fitting, Belted Overcoats, in smart olive green shades, woolens in pronounced Scotch effects, Venetian lining, decidedly swagger; always sold and worth $18.00; to close at.... $12.00

Hundreds of other fashionable Overcoats, greater part of which are from the world-famed concern of B. Kuppenheimer & Co., of Chicago, reduced from 20 to 40 per cent. of the usual selling price.

Unquestionably We Have Lowell's Busiest Boys' Store

Buying in a hurry is just as safe here as buying after careful scrutiny of the goods. This is worth thinking about during the Christmas rush. Whenever you get a thing that does not please you, bring it back and get your money.

A Rousing Sale of Boys' Overcoats

REGULAR $3.00 OVERCOATS NOW $1.95. REGULAR $4.50 OVERCOATS NOW $3.00.
REGULAR $3.50 OVERCOATS NOW $2.45. REGULAR $5.00 OVERCOATS NOW $4.00.
REGULAR $6.50 AND $7.00 OVERCOATS NOW $5.00.

See the splendid values we offer this week in Boys' Knee Pant Suits. It is a ripe chance to buy a sensible present for your boy, at a real bargain.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Mr. Bryan's son has refused to apologize to his teacher and has been suspended in consequence. He says he has nothing to apologize for. Possibly Mr. Bryan will interpose to arbitrate the matter, but we surmise he will not ask the boy to apologize if as he says he has nothing to apologize for.

Japanese missionaries send out here an appeal for funds to help relieve the widows and dependents of those killed in battle. Coming from the missionaries, such a report may meet a kindly response, but any country which so cruelly sacrifices whole armies of men can ill afford to appeal to neutral powers for aid to the sufferers.

SPRINGFIELD'S TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The city of Springfield is to have a technical high school. That is a most desirable adjunct to the educational system of any city. It will prove the most popular of all schools inasmuch as many of the pupils who graduate from the ordinary high school find themselves without the means of subsistence after leaving school. Such a school will prevent boys from being spoiled by too much schooling that does not give them an opportunity to use their hands. Once they acquire the ability to use hand and brain in a practical way their future is secure.

TO STAMP OUT MOTH PEST.

The park commission should have that appropriation for stamping out the moth pests. Anybody who goes about the city can seen what appears to be leaves still on some trees. These in most cases are the nests of the brown tail moths. It is quite easy to see them and easy to take them off but systematic work is needed to have the work carried over the entire city as it should be. The money should be made available by the city council without delay.

ENGAGEMENTS OF MARRIAGE.

We understand that some good friends of The Sun are highly indignant because we failed to publish a notice of engagement of marriage. Now as this is a frequent occurrence a word of explanation may be necessary. We have made it a rule not to publish such notices unless we know that both parties desire the publication.

Nearly every paper has been victimized by fictitious or premature notices of engagements. When a young lady changes her beau the fellow who got jilted is liable, out of spite, to announce that she is engaged to himself or somebody else equally objectionable. When that appears in the paper there is bound to be trouble. Nearly every paper has had its share. Hence it is absolutely necessary in order to guard against imposition not to publish any notices of engagements that are not fully certified and authenticated by both parties. If you want notices of engagements published in The Sun bring them in to the office and convince the editor or some member of the staff that they are authorized by both the parties and your engagement notices will be gladly published free of charge.

TO DIRECT IMMIGRATION WESTWARD.

The commissioner of immigration proposes to do what he can to direct immigrants to settle upon waste lands or at least to steer clear of the large centres of population. But the commissioner has undertaken an impossible task for the people will go where they please despite his warning. There will still be a fair proportion of the immigrants from farming districts in Sweden and Germany to go out to the farming districts of the West, but as for the others the prospect of prompt employment and good pay where relatives or friends settled before them will be the great magnet to draw them to the cities so as to seek the assistance of friends in making a start here. A government information bureau that will assist them in finding out where they might settle who have no preference to begin with would be a valuable institution, and it is hoped it will be established at Ellis island.

HAD WE A MUNICIPAL SANTA CLAUS.

Suppose we had a municipal Santa Claus who would undertake to supply at least some of the longings of poor children, what a myriad of applications he would receive. The postoffices of the large cities and even our own receive a very large number of communications from children addressed to Santa Claus. Some are directed to Iceland, some to large cities such as New York, and some to the Bon Marche. The requests made in these letters are very earnest, very pathetic, and we can imagine how anxiously the writers await the arrival of the things sought, for they all have an abiding faith that good old Santa Claus never refuses any such request.

But as we have no municipal Santa Claus, and as the poor children are, therefore, unable to send in their appeals, let those who can afford it make glad the hearts of the little ones to whom a new toy will bring an ecstacy of delight. What is more touching than the wistful look of the penniless boy into one of the store windows filled with Christmas toys. There is just one thing that appeals more strongly to sympathy and that is the spectacle of the poor, ragged and hungry boy gazing through glass at the cookies, the pastry and confectionery to which he is a total stranger and which he has no means to purchase. To such a boy something to satisfy his appetite would be more appreciated than all the toys in creation.

REPUBLICANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SMOOT.

The republicans now conducting the investigation into the abomination of Mormonism are affecting a lofty and noble virtue in pushing the investigation to the bottom and in this they have the approval of the country at large and of all parties. The fact that the following oaths are brought out as taken by all the disciples of Joseph Smith justifies the most searching inquiry:

"That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue torn out.

"That the breast be cut asunder and the heart and vitals be torn from the body.

"That the body be cut asunder at the middle and the bowels cut out.

"That if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church.

"Another obligation was one that we would never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon the nations of the earth."

It is just as well to remember that the party that is now extorting these oaths from unwilling witnesses is the same that four years ago through Mark Hanna and the republican national committee formed an alliance with the Mormon hierarchy under which the present Senator Reed Smoot now sits in the senate as a republican and a standpatter. Would it not be well to bring out the provisions of the bargain in order to show who is responsible for Smoot's presence, and to show that the republican party now that Hanna is dead and that Roosevelt has been triumphantly elected is receding from its promises?

SEEN AND HEARD

The snow fall of Sunday made a good many youngsters happy for there is good coasting on all the hills throughout the city.

Pat Keegan, the Lowell pedal pusher, was the only rider in the six day race to ride a pair of straight forks on his machine. Last year Keegan and Monroe were the only ones who used the pacing machines.

The down town merchants who are keeping open every night this week, in order not to conflict with the 58-hour law, are allowing their help afternoons and evenings off so that they will not work over the maximum time during the week.

Harry Sanders, Chief Hosmer's driver, can generally tell when a fire alarm is going to ring in. He is not gifted with second sight, but gauges fires on a scheme of his own. Every time he starts to wash his wagon there is sure to be a fire alarm. Very often when the writer has dropped into the central station and Harry is in the act of washing his wagon he will say: "Wait around a minute and you will get a ride to a fire". Nine times out of ten his prediction is right.

There are two men in this city who have been in the habit of going hunting and fishing with Thomas Hoban of the Lowell inn and not until within a comparatively few days have they had a fault to find with Mr. Hoban as a companion in the field, lake or forest. He is a good angler, a crack shot and he knows where to go to get good results. The last trip that the trio made, however, rather lowered Mr. Hoban in the estimation of the other two. They had been in the woods about two hours and had tramped a good few miles when suddenly Mr. Hoban stopped and with hand upraised shouted "There is a gray. He has gone up that big chestnut, over yonder."

"I see him, I see him!" shouted one of Mr. Hoban's companions.

"I see him, too," said the other fellow, and then it was bang, bang, bang, bang. Both men carried double barreled guns and they emptied the four barrels at the squirrel. The squirrel hung from the tree but did not fall. "I shot him," said the first man. "You're a liar, I did," said the second and Mr. Hoban was rolling on the ground laughing as he never laughed before.

The first man had reloaded his gun and the second fellow said:

"Why doesn't that d—n squirrel let go and come down?"

"I don't know," said the other fellow. "I guess we didn't touch him."

"You lie, I hit him because I saw the fur fly," said the second fellow as he hastily pushed a cartridge into his gun.

Divining his purpose the first man banged away again at the squirrel and while the little fellow's body swung back and forth, he still clung to the limb.

"You can have the d—n squirrel, if you want," said the man who had fired two shots to the man who had fired four.

Tom Hoban couldn't speak. He had laughed so much and so hard that his condition was really serious. Finally Tom Johnson appeared on the scene and he allowed that the squirrel had a death grip on the limb and the only way to get him would be to climb up after him. The fellow who fired the four shots decided he would climb the tree. It was a terrible task and he almost ruined his clothes in the attempt. He finally arrived at the limb where the squirrel was suspended.

He looked at the squirrel and then, looking down at Tom Hoban said: "D—n you, Hoban. If I had my gun here I'd pepper you."

"What's the matter?" queried Tom Johnson innocently.

"What's the matter?" echoed the man in the tree, "why this —— squirrel is wired to the limb and unless Tom Hoban shoots me before I get out of this tree, I'll shoot him when I get down where you are."

Mr. Hoban had laughed himself into a weakness that almost forbid his moving, but when he heard the threat from the tree he started for the clearance at a pace that made Tom Johnson hustle. The fellow who had discharged two shots at the wired squirrel felt a bit sore, but the joke was so heavy on the other fellow that he was almost satisfied with what had happened. Mr. Hoban did not lose any time in getting to Lowell and he did not meet the other fellows until a day or two later. Then they had a few words, the cigars were passed around and Mr. Hoban was forgiven. He explained to them that the squirrel was three weeks old, that he had held it for the purpose for which it was used and that it was Tom Johnson who wired the little gray fellow to the limb.

CREDITORS' APPEAL

WANT CLAIMS AGAINST SULLY & CO. SET ASIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. Application was made yesterday by small creditors, reinforced by Edward Hawley and Frank H. Kay to have nearly three million dollars worth of claims against Daniel J. Sully and Company set aside. This would permit Mr. Sully to pay nearly a hundred cents on the dollar.

In this latest phase of the Sully litigation, Magrane Cox, referee in bankruptcy, is asked to direct the trustee of the property, David H. Miller, to have the cotton exchange claims expunged and dissolved. There are sixty three of these attached to the petitions, which represent sums due to various firms as a result of transactions in cotton. The total amount is $2,953,365.52.

Demand is also made that an equity, valued at $100,000 in the Sully residence, which stands in Mrs. Sully's name, be sold, and also the furniture valued at $100,000 and jewels valued at $100,000.

ARTHUR G. POLLARD

APPOINTED TRUSTEE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

At the meeting of the executive council yesterday afternoon Gov. Bates nominated Dr. George W. Field of Sharon as a member of the fish and game commission to succeed Capt. Joseph W. Collins, deceased. Dr. Field will be chairman of the board.

The governor named John H. Manning of Pittsfield to continue as a member of the state highway commission.

Other nominations were as follows: M. F. D'Arcy, Andover, trustee of the Danvers insane asylum, in place of W. H. Sullivan, resigned; Thomas F. Maloney, Fall River, member of the board of registration in veterinary medicine (reappointment); Arthur G. Folland, Lowell, trustee of the Massachusetts agricultural college, in place of E. W. Wood, who declined reappointment; Herbert S. Morley, Baldwinsville, state trustee of the hospital cottages for children, in place of Merrick Bemis, deceased.

VESSEL SUNK

IN ORDER TO SAVE HULL AND MACHINERY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The ferryboat Paunpeck was practically destroyed by fire last night in Hoboken. The vessel was sunk to save the hull and machinery. The hulk will be raised. The Paunpeck was in collision with a Hudson river steamboat on Dec. 3, when several persons were injured and a man is believed to have lost his life. She has since been tied up at the Fourteenth street slip for repairs.

FAVORS TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—The necessity for a technical school for the training of the young men in the art of shoe making was emphasized by John H. Cross, a shoe manufacturer of Lynn in an address before the Boot and Shoe club at the Hotel Brunswick last night.

The topic for discussion was "Good shoe making" and the speakers, in addition to Mr. Cross, were John H. Hanna, of Brooklyn and J. Warren Murray of Lynn.

Mr. Cross placed himself on record as in favor of higher wages and a higher standard of workmanship.

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LEGEND OF SANTA

Strikes Deep Into Soil of Actual History

While some parents seek to rob their little ones of the delight that comes to them because of their love and veneration for good old Santa Claus, such parents striving to impress upon the childish mind that Santa Claus is a myth, there are other parents who seek to embellish the legend of Santa Claus, thus adding to their own pleasures and of the little ones.

In reality, the whole legend of Santa Claus is one that strikes its roots deep down into the soil of actual history, and is fraught with the richest human significance.

Somewhere about the year 300 A. D. there was born in Patara, Lycia, an infant of such supernatural piety from the start that, on being submitted immediately after birth to his first bath, he forthwith stood up erect in the tub, clasped his little hands together and devoutly "thanked God for his being." Naturally enough, his parents conceived high hopes of his future saintliness—hopes, however, which only a week later seemed threatened with cruel blight. On the arrival of this ensuing day, the infant absolutely refused his mother's breast. Hour went by after hour, and still the little one inflexibly rejected every proffer of nourishment. He must die then of starvation, and that only a week after so glorious a rainbow of promise as had overarched his devout attitude in his first bathtub! Thus in tears of desolation, the day went by, until, at the exact minute of its close, the half-fainting infant suddenly took with ravenous hunger to his mother's breast and pulled away like a good fellow. And now in an instant all was revealed to his ecstatic parents. It was Friday, and so fast day, and here was only a fresh manifestation of the child's supernatural precocity of piety.

Well, little Nicholas—for so he was named—went on as he had begun, until in due time he became a veritable saint, consecrating his life to the care of orphaned children and poor, portionless girls. He was made bishop of Myra, and after his death solemnly canonized. Both in the annals of the Greek and Latin churches no saint was ever so popular, till it is hard to think of a Czar of Russia not named Nicholas, while many of the most beautiful pictures of the Italian masters portray his gracious figure with a poor forlorn child hanging to either hand.

Of course, the love and veneration of such a saint could not be confined to southern Europe or to the inheritance in Russia of the fame and titles of the eastern Roman Empire. In due season, his name and worship were carried into the forests and among the rude peoples of Germany and Holland. But, inevitably, there is such a thing in this world as what the artists call "local color"—an influence affecting saints quite as much as sinners. Among these burly and boisterous Teutons and Batavians, the tender, refined saint of southern Italy became a broad-shouldered, deep-lunged, ruddy faced, jovial-natured Northman, while still retaining his old exuberant love of children. There was he recanonized as St. Nicholaus, or Santa Klaus. And as such he visits our little ones every Christmas eve, all past racial history circulating in the red blood of his heart and resounding in the contagion of his rollicking laugh. What, abolish this rich concrete personality in behalf of any barren, godgrind abstraction of sawdust rationalism! Perish rather the whole blasphemous system of the so-called "Higher Criticism"!!!

MIDDLESEX NORTH

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MET IN TEWKSBURY YESTERDAY.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society met at Tewksbury Centre Congregational church yesterday. It was the December institute and the attendance was large, delegations being present from Lowell, Billerica, Wilmington, Dracut, Chelmsford, Tyngsboro, Dunstable and Westford.

The morning session opened at 10.30 o'clock with George W. Trull of Tewksbury, presiding officer. The records of the November meeting were read by Secretary W. C. MacIlrayne and were approved.

George H. Taylor of Twelfth street, Lowell, gave a most interesting and instructive illustrated lecture, his subject being "London From the Top of a 'Bus." Hon. W. E. Badger of Lowell, manipulated the slides.

At noon, dinner was furnished by the Woman's Guild of the entertaining church, grace being said by Rev. Mr. Minchin. About 200 guests were served.

Speeches followed by the Rev. F. M. Fickles and Mr. George H. Taylor, both of Lowell, Prof. A. H. Kirkland, M. S., of Boston, and Rev. Mr. Minchin.

The afternoon session commenced at 1.45 o'clock and the speaker was Prof. A. H. Kirkland of Boston, consulting entomologist, whose theme was "The Gypsy and Brown-Tail Moths." The address was illustrated by about 100 fine views, showing the ravages of these destructive tree-pests. Mr. Kirkland urged the necessity of cutting off all twigs where nests are seen and burning them, that being the only sure way of destroying them. The work should be done during the winter months.

Questions were asked by those interested, and they were answered by Mr. Kirkland, who explained methods to be employed.

The next institute will be held the third Wednesday in January at Odd Fellows' hall, Centralville, when it is expected that Pomona grange will furnish a turkey dinner.

The schools of Tewksbury were dismissed at one o'clock, in order to allow the teachers to attend the institute.

SIX TABLETS

UNVEILED AT OBSERVANCE OF FOREFATHERS' DAY.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The "Forefathers' Day" observance at the First church (Unitarian) yesterday, was marked by the unveiling of six tablets erected therein in memory of some of the founders of the commonwealth and early members of the church. The tablets unveiled yesterday are erected to the memory of Sir Henry Vane, Anne Hutchinson, Sir John Leverett, Simon Bradstreet, Anne Bradstreet and John Endicott.

Rev. James Eells, the pastor of the church, spoke briefly of the tablets previously erected and then for the tablets just unveiled.

All the tablets were erected by descendants of those whose memory they honor.

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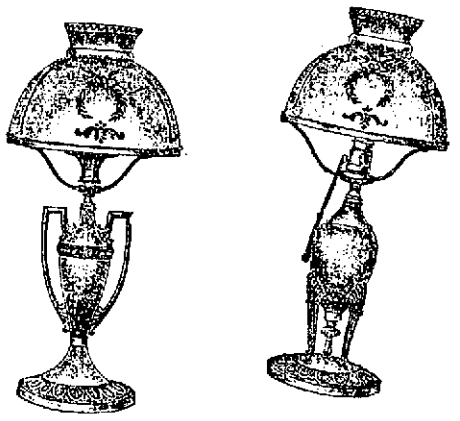

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NATICK BEATEN

Haverhill Turns the Trick Once More

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE HAS DISBANDED

Newburyport and Lowell to Clash Tonight

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22—Haverhill defeated Natick at city hall last evening by a score of 45 to 29, outplaying the visitors in every department of the game and continuing the long string of victories on the home floor.

At the end of the first period Haverhill led by a score of 16 to 5, and increased this lead by one point in the second period the score being 29 to 27.

At the start of the third period, Haverhill played loosely, and Natick crawled up, but their good work was only temporary, for the local players pulled themselves together and finished the period strongly.

Wachter and Doyle did some fine shooting for the baskets, and Fogarty and Ferat excelled for the visitors. Williamson played all around Hough, although the latter secured three baskets, but all on easy chances directly under the hammock. The summary:

HAVERHILL	NATICK
Lew rf	lb Mayham
Williamson lf	rb Hough
Wachter c	c Mullner
Doyle rb	rf Fogarty
Kennedy lb	rf Ferat

Score, Haverhill 45, Natick 29. Goals from floor, Doyle 9, Kennedy 4, Wachter 8, Williamson, Hough 3, Fogarty 5, Ferat 4, Mayham, Mullner. Points from fouls, Haverhill, Natick. Referee O'Neill, Timers, Driscoll and Pettee. Time three 15m periods. Attendance 400.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE PLAYERS

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22—The New England basketball association held a meeting in this city yesterday afternoon, when the players from the Connecticut league, which has disbanded, were assigned as follows: Field and Kelleher to Lowell, and Qualey, Davlin and Allard to Amesbury. Horan, who was assigned to Amesbury at the first of the season, and who joined the connecticut league, was suspended. An application was received from Portsmouth, N. H., for the admission to the league, but no action was taken on it.

The followers of the game have not got through talking yet of that victory over Natick. It is as Toby Matthews said at the beginning of the week, the local team is out to do things this week and there will be no surprise if they go through without a defeat.

Newburyport will play here tonight and the game should be a winning attraction as the visitors are putting up a fast game and hold a position ahead of Lowell in the league standing. They have always been a tough proposition and certainly will make the home team go to the limit to win. The game will be played in Associate hall.

"Jack" O'Neil, the old Burke player, has been appointed a referee and should make good for he understands the game as well as any of them. "Jack" got his training from Jimmie Redmond and that is sufficient guarantee of his worth.

Reserved seats for all games are on sale at Ellingwood's two days before the date of the contest. For the accommodation of ladies and their escorts a special section of the gallery is reserved each evening.

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DON'T SHOOT WIFE

Judge Gave Prisoner Strange Advice

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—Peculiarly sharp advice was that given by Judge Wilbur yesterday to Charles Hill, whom he sentenced to prison for one year. Hill imagined that he had a cancer and bothered his wife with his imaginary symptoms, which she knew were wholly due to dyspepsia. One evening a few weeks ago he turned upon her, exclaiming: "I might just as well do it now as any time. I've got to do it." Then he fired a bullet into her face and tried to blow out his own brains. The weapon was hardly better than a toy, and painful wounds alone resulted. Hill expressed a wish that he had done a better job.

In sentencing Hill, the court advised him that if he wanted to kill himself, drowning or throwing one's self before a locomotive were better ways than to hold a pistol to a woman's head and then, to escape consequences, try to blow out his brains.

LOSES $1000

RAILWAY COMPANY ROBBED BY ITS EMPLOYES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The New York City Railway Company loses fully $1000 a day through an illegal system of transfers, according to a statement made yesterday by the company's chief inspector in a police court.

The inspector appeared as the complainant against four men who had been arrested charged with using transfers which they had solicited from persons in the street. The men pleaded ignorance of the transfer law, but were each held in $100 bail for trial.

In presenting the case to the court the inspector said he had unearthed a system in a big department of the company where the employees, by exchanging and repunching transfers, were defrauding the company out of no less than $1000 a day.

FOR BIGAMY

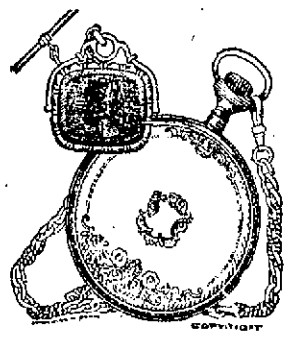
PROVIDENCE MAN SENT TO JAIL FOR 18 MONTHS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22—Harry C. Smith, who was sentenced to prison for 18 months by Judge Wilbur yesterday for bigamy, offered as an excuse for taking more wives than the law allows that his first and lawful wife didn't suit him because she had a cold and unlovable nature. He wanted a wife who was warm-hearted, and when wife No. 1 (who was Mary E. Morton of this city) was nursing a new-born babe Smith went to another part of Cranston last September and married Carrie M. Robinson.

Smith informed the court that wife No. 2 was much more agreeable, which remark elicited a suggestion that where the respondent was going to he would find plenty of "cold" natures.

FACTORY BURNED.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 22.—Henry A. Dix's wrapper factory was destroyed by fire today entailing a loss of $40,000. Two hundred and twenty-five girls are thrown out of employment. The fire originated in the engine room.



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TWO WERE KILLED

Train Crashed Into Passenger Coaches

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 22.—In a collision between a train of empty passenger coaches and a freight at Tamarac, 100 miles west of here, Conductor Savage and Engineer Sheridan were killed. Fireman Reid and a Mr. Southwick of Sudbury were injured. Both locomotives were entirely demolished and two passenger coaches were burned.

STARVING MAN

IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION IN HAVERHILL.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 22.—Thomas O'Connor, claiming Pittsfield as his home, fell on Merrimack street last night, suffering from heart failure. He was taken into the store and revived, when he said that he had not had a meal for two days and was completely exhausted. He was given a supper by the police and later taken to the police station as a lodger. He was there last night for lodgings, having been found about the streets by Officer Donoghue, to whom he said he was 42 years old and the black sheep of a well-to-do family.

It was found upon examination at the station house later that he was in a very serious condition, and he was taken to the City hospital.

GOVERNOR BATES

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A dinner was given to Governor and Mrs. John L. Bates by the executive councillors of 1903 and 1904 at the Touraine last evening.

About 30 plates were set in the state suite, which was decorated with green and white.

Among those present were Lieutenant-Governor Curtis Guild and Mrs. Guild, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Slade of Fall River, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Maxwell of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hong of Chelsea, Mr. Jeremiah J. McNamara and daughter of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. David I. Robinson of Gloucester, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Lowe of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Irwin of Northampton, Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Nickerson of Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Hall of Taunton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Sullivan of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jewett of Salem.

Mrs. Bates was gowned in white duchesse lace trimmed with seed pearls and Mrs. Guild in pale champagne colored chiffon trimmed with applique.

This is the second time that a dinner has been allowed to be given at the Touraine. The first occasion was that of a dinner to President Roosevelt.

JUDGE DEWEY

WILL BE IN CHARGE OF INAUGURAL PARADE.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Judge Henry S. Dewey is expected to be the leading military figure at the inauguration on Jan. 5, when Governor Douglas takes the oath of office.

Judge Dewey has the rank of brigadier-general. In case that Adjutant-General Dalton retires from the service, which is now his intention, and the adjutant-general is expected to report that fact two days in advance of the inauguration to Governor Bates.

General Miles expects to be on the ground on inauguration day, and will wear the uniform of a lieutenant-general of the United States army, although not in his official capacity.

The former commander of the United States army is expected to arrive in Boston today and have a conference with Governor Douglas as to the staff appointments.

Already arrangements have been made for announcing the governor-elect by Battery A of a dozen men, who will fire the salutes in honor of that event as is the custom. General Dalton has made no objection to the proceedure in this particular case, as he intends to resign.

The preparations for inauguration day, which have not yet been completed, indicate that General Miles, whom Governor Douglas has designated as chief of staff, will be present, however, whether the war department issues the permit or not.

The first official act of Governor Douglas will be to name the military staff and make an official request of the war department to have General Miles assigned to his staff.

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DRESSED AS MAN

Girl Compelled to Travel With Uncle

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22.—J. W. Lawrence, a middle-aged bachelor, is under arrest here charged with abducting from her home his 17-year-old niece, Lole Minard, compelling her to disguise her sex and travelling over the country with her in a prairie schooner for nearly a year.

Lawrence was visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Minard, at Concordia, Kan., last March, and became enamored of her pretty young daughter. When he left Concordia he took the girl with him, compelling her to don male attire and to submit to having her hair cropped close. Thus disguised she accompanied him in his wanderings over the country, passing everywhere as a young man. Lawrence maintains stoutly that his relations with the girl have been perfectly proper. He will be taken back to Kansas for trial.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Futures opened easy. Dec. 7.18, Jan. 7.21, Feb. ofd. 7.32, March 7.40, April 7.42 bid, May 7.50, June 7.61, July 7.64, Aug. 7.63 @ 7.65, Sept. ——, Oct. 7.60 @ 7.65.

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WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES ROUND

Christmas

KATE CLYDE Mentions Some Things Which Should Not Be Given as Presents. Sartorial Fancies of the Moment--Advance Information on Spring Fashions -:- -:- -:-

THE colored photograph has proved very popular this year for a Christmas present, but if you think coloring photographs is easy you want to try it the way a girl I know did.

She gave every friend she owned a photograph of herself in tastefully colored fancy dress (she had had the photographs a long time, and, to tell you the honest truth, she wanted to get rid of them). She thought she really was practicing economy. It turned out to be anything but economy in the end. For a week she lived in an atmosphere of paint and mucilage, her nails were never clean, and she usually had a smudge of paint from the corner of her mouth to her ear because she held her brush between her teeth. In addition, she spilled a bowl of "painty" water on her best table scarf, and every shirt waist in her possession was decorated with a spot or so. The last but not least of her mishaps was a nice little doctor's bill because she would persist in passing her paint brush between her lips whether it had green paint on it or red. Between the doctor, the paint she used and the things the paint spoiled she came to the conclusion that those same Christmas presents were not particularly cheap.

Passing her paint brush between her lips.

Old fashioned holiday week parties are right in vogue both for those who have the good luck to spend the Christmas holidays in the country and for the less fortunate ones who have to stay in town. In the latter case a room is decorated in as rustic a fashion as possible so as to suggest the living room of a farmhouse, and all sorts of old fashioned games are indulged in by way of amusement. Each game has prizes, of course.

The prizes for an old fashioned spelling bee were shown to me yesterday. They are very new fashioned dictionaries only an inch square and inclosed in tiny aluminum cases, each having an oval magnifying glass in its cover. Of course the little dictionary is printed in such tiny characters that it can only be read with the aid of this magnifying glass. But think how convenient to carry around in one's pocketbook!

Useless Christmas gifts.

I can't bear the people who give me useless Christmas presents, like paper cutters, for instance. Who ever uses a paper cutter? The leaves of all books come cut nowadays, and as for the magazines, a hairpin is always more convenient because you have it right there, even if it is not so elegant. I have three paper cutters now, and all they do for me is to get lost and stepped on.

Handkerchief cases are another nuisance. Who ever puts handkerchiefs into a handkerchief case, unless it is some very prim old maidy person? I'm sure I never should bother. Glove boxes are quite another matter. A glove box is both pretty and useful if it matches your dressing table in shade. The trouble is that most people never think of that trifle, and they don't mind sending you a perfect dear of a lavender covered box when everything you have is as pink as pink can be, from the big fat pincushion to the narrow ribbon on your lamb's wool powder puff.

She earned the quarter.

Well, most women don't care anyway. It's a present, and you ought to be glad to get it; that's all there is to it.

For my part, I like gifts of a practical or personal nature, things I can wear or put up in the room. Still even that sort of gift has its disadvantages. Look at Bessie Flutterly, poor, but with exquisite taste, and she always has some awful Christmas present from her rich Aunt Jane which she has to wear out. Last year it was a very handsome satin waist; but, oh, horrors, of a bright shade of purple! As poor Bessie was wearing a dark red tailor made in those days just fancy how she looked!

Then, too, speaking of things one can put around the room, I shall never forget the year Susan Faddy had the mania for "hand painting" china. She sent me a small dish shaped like a funeral urn and painted with anaemic looking buttercups which she told me was to go on my mantelpiece. Well, of course, it went there—it had to, for Susan is a very good friend of mine—but it managed to slip behind a fat photograph, and on the third day I gave the maid a hint that if she knocked it off accidentally in dusting she would receive a quarter.

Her ruffle was trailing on the ground.

She earned the quarter before the day was out, and, of course, I was "awfully sorry."

Contrast In Furs.

The fur lined coat is a feature of the winter's fashions. For evening wear in gray, tan or white it is charming, particularly when relieved by a collar of prettily contrasting fur—for instance, a champagne colored cloth will be relieved with a collar of dark marten, while a pale blue garment will have a collar of moleskin.

Gray chiffon velvet is much used for gowns and for evening coats. Black is, of course, always in good taste, and, owing to its glossiness, it is not nearly so sumber as the ordinary velvet.

Hats are growing a little larger, especially for dressy wear. I have seen two imported models recently which I consider very smart. One was a straight brimmed shape of pale blue panne velvet. For sole trimming it had a huge ruche of three shades of tulle—pale blue, heliotrope and pale pink. The other hat was of pale pink tulle and Irish lace, with two pale pink ostrich tips drooping over the brim on the left side and a moss rosebud falling against the hair.

By the way, moss roses are the latest millinery fad.

Hairdressing is undergoing another change. Smart women are no longer confining themselves to the figure 8. In fact, there is a distinct epidemic of braids. A favorite way is to braid the hair into two pigtails and to cross them in front, forming a sort of crown effect all around the head. The other way consists in making a single braid and winding it around and around into a flat pancake arrangement at the back of the head. This requires a fancy back comb above it.

It goes without saying that all the smart belts are wide this season and that you are decidedly out of it if you dare to wear a narrow one. While a good many white belts are worn with white waists and skirts, yet some flowered ribbon is also seen made up into very Frenchy looking girdles. In fact, these flowered belts, done up in tissue paper daintily tinted boxes to correspond, have formed more than one Christmas gift this season.

The worst freak of fashion which has shocked my eyes for a long time I witnessed yesterday. It was a three-quarter box coat of gray and white mottled leather which looked perilously like snakeskin, and also a toque and muff of the same. This, mind you, was supposed to be very elegant.

An Awkward Mishap.

Thank heaven, they have at last ceased to sew silk petticoats on drop stitch machines! Never shall I forget the mortification of a friend of mine, and incidentally of myself, for I was with her. She caught her heel in the ruffle of her petticoat, and the strain must have started the seam, for it began to rip. Before we had gone half a block it was trailing on the ground, and before we could stop it seemed to me that the whole ruffle, with yards of thread, was wound around her feet. She did the only thing possible—picked it up and tucked it into her muff. Fortunately it was a large muff.

Our old friend the seal is once more enjoying favor. Yes, it was a bit out of style; respectable and rich, if you will, but out of the height of style. The main reason for its return, I'm thinking, is that furriers are using more discretion in the way they make it up. They are following mainly the box coat model and giving up the attempt to make a tight fitting seal coat. Tight fitting seal coat! Save the mark! Did you ever see one? Of all the disfiguring articles it is the worst. It can't be tight fitting; that's all there is to it. And when the attempt is made it causes a woman to look like a cross between a grampus and an elephant.

Just a little hint to you. When you have your sealskin coat made over next have a collarless effect outlined with an application of flat black silk braid. It will make you look less "chunky," and, besides, you can wear a chinchilla or an ermine stole with it and thus vary the sameness. Also if you want to add to the fancy effect have your sleeves made with wide, bell cuffs and fill them with very deeply tinted ecru lace.

It is these fancy touches which relieve the somberness of a fur garment.

It seems to me that a gray cloth gown is about the most practical dress a woman can have, for it may be used during the winter on a good many occasions when a velvet dress would be much too elaborate, and if made close fitting, with a trimming of passementerie or dyed lace, it is ultra chic for spring wear without a coat. A costume of gray or champagne cloth is most useful in April and May, and the wise woman bears this in mind when planning her midwinter wardrobe.

I have seen some advance spring styles in fancy neckwear, and the oddest thing is a flat stole made of gray chiffon velvet having its ends beautifully embroidered with pale pink roses and decorated with gray and pink fringes. How dainty this would be worn with a gray cloth gown and a gray straw and chiffon hat trimmed with pink roses!

KATE CLYDE.

MRS. ROBERT J. WYNNE.

The wife of the United States postmaster general is a handsome, youthful appearing matron who does not look as if she was married almost thirty years ago and is the mother of four children—two sons and two daughters. She was Miss Mary McCabe of Washington and doubtless little dreamed in 1875, when she was married to Robert John Wynne, a telegrapher, that Robert John Wynne would become postmaster general of the United States and be high in the confidence of the president.

A BUSINESS WOMAN'S COSTUME.

A business woman must be economical. She has not hundreds of dollars to spend upon her wardrobe; consequently if she is wise she finds out what color is the most becoming and buys an office gown of that color and uses it as the foundation upon which she builds her system of dress. This color scheme makes it possible to wear one hat with various articles of clothing without appearing radiantly dressed like a bird of paradise, and nothing in a business woman's office dress is more destestable than finery. Simplicity, cleanliness, harmony, are the three qualities essential to the business woman's wardrobe. It is not so much how many clothes the business woman possesses as it is the kind of clothing she wears and her general appearance.

Good advice to the busy woman who has little time to give to the consideration of fripperies would be: Leave fancy things alone and content yourself with the smart and useful stock and collar which are now in vogue with all the severer styles of dress. It takes only two minutes to tie the bow neatly or to slip a clean and dainty, prettily embroidered collar on to a blouse or bodice.

A muslin fichu can be worn in the evening, but it requires skill and leisure to arrange it. To be picturesque is charming, but never let your fancy for the picturesque degenerate into untidiness or unsuitability.

WOMEN AS CHIMNEY SWEEPS.

The vocations to which latter day women are devoting their energies are increasing in number, and realms unthought of before are being invaded. A guild or union of women chimney sweeps has been started in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Its founder is the widow of a sweep blessed with six daughters. All seven belong to the guild and are active members. No woman chimney sweep is to be less than fourteen years old nor more than thirty-five, but girl assistants may be admitted at eight years. As soon as a sweep marries she must leave the guild. All must sign the temperance pledge and be members of the Orthodox (Greek) church.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

Since the beginning of the current school year forty-eight women teachers of Baltimore have resigned in order to get married. An inquiry has been started to find if similar conditions exist elsewhere.

Ellen E. Kenyon Warner

Educator and Student of Child Nature

TWO impudent little English sparrows sit upon the rim of the iron fire escape and turn their heads brassily this way and that to leer at me out of their bright, small eyes. To me they are only impudent little English sparrows, and that ends it. But if Dr. Ellen E. Kenyon Warner instead of me saw them she would draw from them lessons in natural history, mercifulness to birds, language expression, culture of the imagination and maybe a combined lesson in spelling, writing and singing besides. That is the way of the author of the series of beautiful "Culture Readers."

DR. ELLEN E. KENYON WARNER.

The "Culture Readers" are the result of years of study, observation and experience on the part of their author. She has been teacher, speaker, writer and editor. All her life she has been a student not on the surface of things either. On the following system she bases her work, literary and otherwise:

First.—Accumulation of data.

Second.—Examination, analysis, comparison, classification.

Third.—Generalization.

Always she makes sure of her facts, then goes ahead.

Her heart is in the common schools of her country, in which she is proud to have been educated. She was born and reared in Brooklyn and was promoted from pupil to teacher in its schools. For several years she was superintendent of a primary department. There she found great field for the study of that child nature she loves so well. Her mind, comprehensive, clear and exact, brushed aside the cobwebs of tradition in educational matters and went to the heart of the matter. She loved children; she was born with a gift for interesting, both as a teacher and writer. With it all she has infinite sense of humor, and these powers, gifts and faculties explain Ellen E. Kenyon Warner.

Before she left school Miss Kenyon began to write for publication. Her first contribution was a story in ten chapters called "Brother Jack and I." She was afraid to tell anybody about it, so wrote upon an upper corner of the manuscript her address, also the price asked for the story, $20—a huge price, she thought—and mailed it to a juvenile magazine of which Jennie June Croly was editor. Nellie Kenyon was immediately surprised when a little later she received a letter informing her that "Brother Jack and I" was accepted and requesting her to call on Mrs. Croly to help in arrange the illustrations.

To support herself through this ordeal Nellie took a school friend into her confidence and persuaded this friend to go with her to Mrs. Croly. When the two girls appeared before her gentle Jennie June looked Nellie Kenyon over from head to foot and said to her, "You are very young to have written that story." Thereupon Miss Kenyon made a statement which the friend tells on her to this day, a statement the most extraordinary that ever issued from the lips of feminine creature:

"Oh, I'm not so young as I look."

Meanwhile during the time Jennie June was talking to Nellie Kenyon the schoolmate, style edged near to the famous woman editor so that her own skirt might touch that of the editor. She did this in order that she might afterward cut out the piece of her skirt that touched Mrs. Croly's and keep it as a souvenir. Girls will be girls.

With this first success and similar ones that followed, for awhile the chances were about even whether Miss Kenyon would be a writer of fiction or an author dealing with philosophical and educational topics. She was drawn about equally both ways. When she became a teacher in the public schools the question was settled. Teacher she was and is, whether orally or in print.

The next step in authorship followed in an odd way after she began teaching. It came about through Miss Kenyon's sense of humor. The noon hour she and the other teachers in her building spent together. The district was one inhabited largely by an immigrant population, and the children's attempts at English speaking were at times fearful and wonderful. The school was also a continuous performance of amusing incident, incident duly reported to the coterie of teachers by Nellie Kenyon. Finally the auditors said:

"Nellie, you must write a book and put these things in it."

Nellie did. The little book was the beginning of her writing on school topics. She prepared during her years of teaching many papers on education treated from the philosophical point of view. She founded a magazine called the Primary School, the first American periodical devoted to the beginnings of children's education.

Her enthusiasm once aroused in this direction, the indefatigable little lady continued to work for the public school as it should be. She organized teachers' improvement associations. She continued writing educational papers, and they came to attract attention in Europe as well as here. Some of them were translated and printed in pedagogical journals in Germany. At length in 1893 Miss Kenyon became editor of the different educational periodicals issued by a publishing firm in New York. She also wrote entirely a department of the magazine, "Child Culture." She published a book called "The Coming School."

Meantime the value of her educational work and writing was becoming generally recognized, and she received from the University of New York the degree of doctor of pedagogy (Pd. D.).

In all her educational writing Mrs. Kenyon Warner goes to the bottom of things. In the teaching of little children she would have none of the artificial expedient of memory drill. She says:

"Reading is the most important of school subjects. By the method used in teaching a child to read his mental habits for life are affected. Reading should connect itself with all the interests of school and of life and should train the emotions and cultivate moral and aesthetic tastes. The school course in reading should tend toward a comprehensive and wholesome view of life itself."

This feminine Herbert Spencer of child education believes with the great sociologist himself that moral progress is achieved only by arousing the noble emotions. Mrs. Warner looked about for school readers which should do this, at the same time following the scientific method of induction and deduction in teaching children. She found none that to her mind filled the requirements, so took up the task of supplying the need herself.

Of the two "Culture Readers" already published the first, for very young children, deals with Mother Love. Here the author has gathered familiar nursery rhymes, fairy tales and stories "out of her own head" in such an attractive way that learning to read will be genuine play to a little one. At the same time all the lessons ring changes on the central theme, Mother Love.

The culture theme of the second reader is industry, treated in a similar manner. A manual for the teacher's use accompanies the books. In Mrs. Warner's scheme song is also an important part of child education. She says: "A song is literature and should be so rendered as to develop all its emotional values. Nervous, noisy singing strains the voice; hearty, joyous singing trains it. Songs like a lullaby may be used to calm children after mirth or boisterous play."

CHARLOTTE VAN BECK.

A GOWN OF BANANA VOILE.

Simplicity is the keynote of this attractive gown of dotted banana colored voile. The skirt is slightly fulled about the waist and finished with three deep tucks at the hem. The bodice is surplice and opens in front to display a small vest of yellow lace. The collar and girdle are of amber panne velvet.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR POOR CHILDREN.

SIX children were left destitute in one of the few poor families in a wealthy and fashionable suburb. It was near Christmas. A benevolent lady, Miss Scripp, had the children on her mind, but was not able personally to do much to gladden them at the joyful Christmastide, for she herself was not rich. Her neighbors were, however, and Miss Scripp determined to make a canvass among them and secure gifts of food, clothing and money—anything that could be spared from a wealthy household to make Christmas merry for the Hobb children.

Miss Scripp gave notice to her neighbors of her charitable intention. All the ladies replied that they would rejoice to contribute. Two days before Christmas Miss Scripp sent a boy around with a pushcart to make collections. He returned with an assortment of bundles as large as that of a laundryman on Monday morning and not unlike it in outward appearance.

With pleased anticipation, Miss Scripp had the boy carry the parcels into her pretty little dining room. Then she began to overhaul their contents.

She began with the largest parcel. She uttered an exclamation of disappointment, vexation even, as there unfolded before her the remains of that ivory white chiffon gown which had done duty at parties two winters for Mrs. J. Van Blinker De Whytte. Its multitudinous flouncings hung in festoons; its accordion plaiting was battered and bulging like an antique umbrella; its front was stained with particles of feasts ranging from heavy dinners of state to after theater "snacks."

"How can that be cut down into warm coats and stockings for the poor little Hobbs?" murmured Miss Scripp as she laid it aside, with a deep sigh.

Few of the parcels were marked with the name of the donor. Evidently the fair and generous givers wished to do their alms in secret. It may have been that, but Miss Scripp concluded as she proceeded to go through a pile that they were ashamed to be known and for this reason had refrained from attaching their names to their respective donations. Unfortunately for this amiable precaution, however, Miss Scripp recognized most of the articles. Mrs. Thrifty had sent her old rain coat. It was out of fashion; it was also bedraggled; it also let the rain through in spots. Again Miss Scripp shoved the unpleasant article aside, with a sigh, and murmured:

"How can I make that available for keeping the poor little Hobbs warm?"

Miss Florence De Whytte sent a pair of pink satin slippers run over at the heel. She tucked into the tiny toe of one of them a necktie of her brother's that had been worn so long it could never by any possibility be used again. Mrs. Pynchem sent, indeed, a woolen rug. It had lain at the threshold of her husband's bedroom almost time out of mind. It had become worn into holes just where each of Pynchem's substantial feet had pressed it, so that more than once he had tripped upon it and come near falling. Opportunely the very night before the boy called with the collecting pushcart Mr. Pynchem had said, with divers unconventional expressions, that if he ever found that old rag there again he would "histe" it out the front window. Thus perforce Mrs. Pynchem removed it, skillfully working it off on charity.

But the gem of the collection for the destitute little Hobbs was Mrs. Sparing's last winter's calling hat. It had been a perfect dream when the milliner first turned it out, all silken, spangled gauze and radiant rainbow tinted panne, with a sparkling buckle that had become so tarnished that Mrs. Sparing could never use it again. In its pristine perfectness there had been likewise real ostrich plumes upon that calling hat, but these Mrs. Sparing had prudently ripped off that she might have them renovated for another winter.

Such were some of the items in Miss Scripp's charity collection for the destitute Hobb children's Christmas.

TABITHA SOURGRAPES.

DAINTY BLOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS.

This stunning blouse emanates from a celebrated Parisian house and is carried out in soft taffeta of a bright bronze green. The plaited fronts hang from a deep yoke, over which is an empiecement of the silk, the rounded ends of which are finished with velvet and dull enameled buttons.

The sleeves are full at the top and close fitting about the wrist. Starting from the elbow is a very full puff fastened with buttons to the body of the sleeve. The girdle is of velvet.

A blouse of this kind would make a charming Christmas present.

SAVED $40,000

City Was Less Extravagant This Year

Chairman Wilson of Appropriations Committee Makes Cheerful Announcement at Final Meeting Last Evening—Additional Appropriations Voted

The appropriations committee held its final meeting of the year last evening and after recommending $35,000 in additional appropriations swelled up with pride as their chairman Alderman Wilson made the cheerful announcement that the city of Lowell has saved $40,000 this year.

There were present Aldermen Wilson, and Grant and Councilmen May, Braden and Stott.

The request of the school department for additional money, was considered first, Supt. Whitcomb did not find it convenient to be present and hence stated his case in a note to the committee in which he asked for $20,000 with which to finish the year.

He stated that there is now $10,916.70 to the credit of the department and estimated that the expenditures for salaries and sundries for the month will be $31,000, $28,000 for salaries and $3000 for sundries.

In closing, Mr. Whitcomb added that provided the additional $20,000 were granted him, his department will finish the year with about $12,000 less than the total appropriation for 1903.

Councilman Stott thought the requisition was very reasonable and, on his motion, it was voted to recommend that $12,000 be given to Mr. Whitcomb.

It was voted to allow the health department $800 as Agent Knapp showed where that amount was necessary for small-pox bills and yard expenses.

Purchasing Agent Donnelly asked for $45 for his department and it was voted.

Superintendent Donlon asked for $6000 for the city farm for groceries, labor and sundries and the amount was voted.

For the payment of expenses incurred in the collection of back tax bills, City Treasurer Stiles asked for $600. It was explained that a large number of delinquent poll tax payers were forced to pay during the year closing, and the money asked for was voted without further discussion.

City Auditor Chase asked for $420 to pay back deposits made to the superintendent of the lands and buildings department by various persons hiring Huntington hall prior to the fire which destroyed that building. This money was voted.

Inspector of Wires McElholm asked for $250 with which to pay the lands and buildings department for the work his men did renovating his office last summer. This was also voted.

Chief Hosmer appeared before the committee, not for any more money to carry his department through the year but for more permanent men in the department. He stated emphatically that at least 12 additional permanent men are needed. The city government, he said, had recently passed an order providing for additional permanent men and it only remained for the committee to recommend money to pay them. Some of the houses have but three men in them and when one is at dinner and another is having his day off the house is left with but one man. The matter was referred to the new city government.

Through the clerk, Secretary Martin Courtney of the outside pauper department asked for $5000 additional appropriation to carry his office through the year.

Between $3000 and $3500 of this amount was to go to the state for caring for the city's insane and the balance was to be applied to general sundries in Mr. Courtney's department.

After considerable discussion it was decided to defer action.

After the disposition of regular business the committee discussed and reviewed this year's affairs, and Chairman Wilson figured out the proud fact that the city had saved $40,000 this year over 1903.

MOHAIR CRICKET CLUB.

A meeting of the executive board of the Massachusetts Mohair Cricket club was held on Tuesday night when considerable business of importance was transacted. The league representatives reported that the second team had been admitted into the reserve division of the state league.

The annual dinner of the club will be held during the middle of January. The date has not yet been fixed.

The annual ball will take place on Feb. 24th in the new hall in O'Dowd's block, Hurd street.

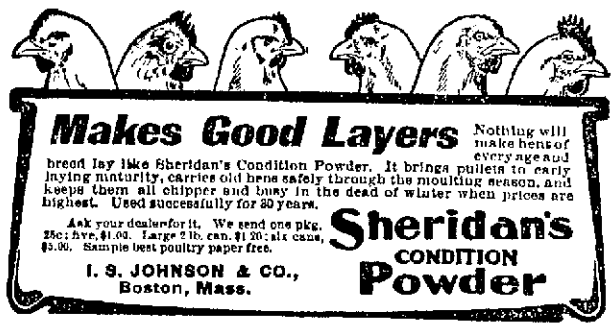
After the 1st of January a bowling tournament for members will take place. Altogether ten prizes will be offered for competition.

Alfred Watson, captain of the second team, and Arthur Gibson, financial secretary to the club, are both confined to their homes by sickness. That they may speedily recover is the hearty wish of all members.

PROBATE COURT.

Wills presented for allowance at Cambridge, Dec. 20: Thomas Sheridan, Malden; Pamelia Goodwin, Malden; Alice Kearney, Framingham; Mary McMullen, Cambridge; Bridget Egan, Belmont; J. C. MacNeil, Everett; Sarah Bancroft, Woburn; S. A. Chase, Lowell; Sarah Francis, Lowell; W. E. Frost, Westford; Susan Murray, Lowell; Hannah O'Donoghue, Lowell; C. H. Richardson, Lowell; Hattie Fletcher, Tewksbury.

Administrations—H. W. Burton, Lowell; Edward Quinn, Lowell; S. L. Sawtelle, Lowell; J. F. Dooley, Cambridge; Eliza Hopf, Natick; J. C. Bowker, Melrose; Harriet Marden, Arlington; C. M. Barrett, Lexington; Nancy Meserve, Danbury, Ct.



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LOSS IS $50,000

Large Store in Providence Destroyed

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21—A fire which started shortly after 9 o'clock in the produce store of William Sweet on Canal street, summoned two thirds of the fire fighting forces of the city, and was practically extinguished after two hours fighting. The total loss is estimated at about $50,000. Starting on the lower floor from unknown causes, the fire speedily made its way to the roof which covers the third floor, and then burst into the rear windows of the Whipple building situated next door on Canal street. The front portion of the Sweet company's store was practically untouched by the fire, though there was slight water damage.

The principal damage was done in the three top floors of the Whipple building occupied as a storage and work room by the A. T. Scattergood Furniture Company, the damage there being estimated at about $20,000. Walter W. Whipple, owner of the building, and proprietor of an egg, butter and cheese establishment on the lower floors places his damage at about $15,000, principally by water. The nut and fruit store of Allan McPherson in the basement was flooded with water, about $4000 damage being done. The damage to the Sweet company in whose rooms the fire had its inception, is placed at about $5000. The loss is almost entirely covered by insurance.

The fire fighting was entirely free from accident.

FATHER SUES

HE WANTS $50,000 FROM HARVARD ATHLETE.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 22.—Just as he was about to turn over $30,000 to Frederick Hall White, the Harvard football player who reached his majority yesterday and who inherits between $150,000 and $200,000 from his mother, who died in this city several years ago, Lawyer James Kingsley Blake was served with papers in a suit which restrains him from paying young White a single dollar. The suit is brought by the father of the Harvard athlete, Josiah J. White of Brooklyn. He sues for $50,000, which he asserts he has expended for the benefit of his son. The suit is returnable in the January term of the superior court in this city.

Lawyer Blake is the administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. White. Mr. Blake had arranged to turn over to the young man at noon yesterday $30,000 in cash and a large number of pieces of valuable real estate.

Josiah J. White of Brooklyn, the father of the boy, has been engaged in litigation in the Connecticut and New York courts for years over the settlement of the estate of his wife, Eliza T. White. The papers which were served on Mr. Blake allege that the young man is indebted to Mr. White for money loaned, for board and lodging, on notes, for horses and carriages, etc.

Mr. Blake has defended various actions brought by Mr. White. When Mrs. White died she owned property in this city and in Portland, Conn. The Portland property is in the hands of a guardian for the son. The guardian has also been joined in this suit, and he, too, is restrained from turning over to the young man a lot of valuable property.

Josiah J. White, the father, is regarded here a very eccentric man, owing to the litigation in which he has figured over his wife's estate.

RURAL DELIVERY

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY'S BILL FOR ITS EXTENSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22—Representative Henry of Connecticut yesterday introduced a bill "to secure full use of the rural mail equipment, and to place the rural service on a paying basis." It is along the line recommended by the postmaster-general for a special parcel post rate, to be applicable within the territory covered by rural routes radiating from each central distributing point. It provided that within the limits of respective rural routes, parcels of mail matter shall be collected and delivered up to 200 pounds in weight, and in size up to a barrel, provided none shall be over six feet in length. The rates prescribed for this class of matter range from 1 cent for parcels weighing eight ounces to 25 cents for a barrel weighing 200 pounds.

In an explanation attached to his bill, Mr. Henry says: "For the proposed rural post a simple service is an absolute necessity. A single rate on all the mail matter collected and delivered would be a great convenience, both to the carriers and to the rural public. For this limited service there would seem to be no need for more than one rate on all the matter handled."

HOUSES DAMAGED

TEN EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN PANAMA.

DAVID, CHIRIQUI, Panama, Dec. 21—There were ten slight earthquakes, followed by one strong shock at about 12:30 o'clock yesterday. Numerous houses here were damaged and the people who were thrown into a panic, are now camping in the streets. The disturbance is supposed to have been caused by the Pons volcano in Costa Rica.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The members of Company C, Sixth regiment, M. V. M., have unanimously voted to attend the inauguration exercises held at Washington on March 4, and already arrangements have begun for the trip.

The following are the Troop F cavalry qualifications in revolver marksmanship:

First-class—Lieut. Edward Fisher, Lieut. Edward Keyes, Sergt. H. C. MacMaster, Corp. A. C. Mitchell, Corp. John O'Brien, Sergt. William Quigley, Quartermaster Sergeant C. F. Scribner.

Second-class—Corp. Donald McLeod, Priv. Arthur Hill, Priv. G. W. Lamb, Priv. James McCoy, Priv. Morning, Priv. Ernest R. Mountain, Priv. G. W. Ranger, Priv. Carl Spaulding, Priv. C. M. Trull.

Company C had a battalion drill last night. Capt. Kittredge acted as major and Lieut. Pearson and Sergt. Berry were in command of two single rank companies.

Company M will begin on the new tactics tonight.

A prize drill will be held at the armory on Wednesday night, January 11, for the privates of Co. C. This will be one of the attractions of the fourth annual party of the non-coms.

CASE FELL FLAT

Charges Against Supt. Thurston Not Sustained

FALL RIVER, Dec. 22—The board of aldermen last night gave a hearing to Joseph R. Lees, a former engineer in the highway department, on charges of malfeasance in office made by him against Frank A Thurston, superintendent of streets. The hearing lasted for nearly three hours and instead of being the serious matter that it was anticipated, it developed into a roaring farce comedy which kept President Lawson's gavel busy nearly all the time.

Mr. Lees' charges, while fairly specific, were weak and he was unable to produce but one witness, Stanley Smith, another engineer, who was not called upon to testify. Mr. Lees charged that Mr. Thurston gave away crushed stone to the King Philip Brewing Company, and to the Rev. D. V. Delmarre, pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament; that he loaned the road roller to the clergyman without receiving pay therefor, that he loaned a pulsometer pump to Beattie & Wilcox, which had never been returned, and that the park commissioners have received crushed stone in the Oak Grove cemetery without weighing it.

The hearing was presided over by Fred W. Lawson, president of the board of aldermen and Mayor Grime was present. During the hearing Alderman William B. Ling accused Lees of trying to get Mr. Thurston's position, and that he had asked him (Ling) to vote for him.

Mr. Lees admitted that at the time he first made charges to the mayor he told the mayor certain things had been done which were state prison offences but he admitted that those charges made in private to the mayor were not embodied in the charges to the board. He also admitted trying to make the mayor sign a paper assuring him of his position and threatening that he would make charges before the board if the paper was not signed.

Mr. Thurston was called and answered all charges satisfactorily to the board. He did give the stone to the church and he did loan the road roller to Fr. Delmarre, but Fr. Delmarre stood ready to pay the bills. The King Philip brewery team was used to cart crushed stone which the brewery was to use in the street in front of its plant for repairs and to save the city from a suit for damages. He said he did loan the pump to Beattie and Cornell because he often borrowed things from them and because in further return he received the use of a private way across their land, which so shortened the distance from a street which was being repaired to the crusher that he was able to take off a team which was being hired for $4.75.

"Did you profit personally by these transactions?" asked Mr. Thurston's counsel, John W. Cummings.

"Not by any man under God's sun," replied Mr. Thurston.

At this point Alderman Gagnon said that the hearing was a farce, and he moved adjournment. Mayor Grime addressed the board and said that he had heard nothing to sustain the charges and he did not think the charges were worthy of consideration. Alderman James J. Sullivan of ward 4 moved that everybody be exonerated from all charges, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

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CLUB CHATEAUNEUF

INAUGURATED AT ST. LOUIS HALL.

The inauguration of the new club Chateauneuf was held in the new St. Louis hall in West Sixth street last evening, the affair taking the form of a social. There was a very large attendance and the event proved to be a very enjoyable one. During the early part of the evening whist was enjoyed after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

The enjoyable musical program which followed was given during the evening: Piano solo, Miss Ida Saulnier; song sketch, Wilfrid Richard; song, Arthur Martel; piano solo, Miss Edna Boisvert, Miss Dora Achin and Miss Alma Lessard; clog dance, Wilfrid Dumont.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Adelard A. Boisvert, chairman; Joseph Chretien, Amedee Chateauneuf, George Patnaude, Albert J. Boisvert and Joseph Ruhamel.

The whist prize winners were the following: Mrs. Maxime Paquette, Mr. Pierre Paquette, Mr. Ernest Pelletier, Miss Maria Hamel, Mr. H. J. Larochelle, Miss Jennie Belle-Isle, Mr. Albert Lemoine, Miss Albina Demers, Mr. John Greenwood, Miss Alma Hamel, Mr. Louis Landry, Miss Albina Lefebvre, Mr. H. Lamoureux, Miss Eliza Lessard, Miss Vivie Pelletier; boobies, Mr. Henry Allard, Miss Alice Ducharme. Albert E. Jean awarded the whist prizes.

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METRE HILL RETAKEN

By the Russian Troops at Port Arthur

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from St. Petersburg says General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203 Metre hill at Port Arthur with the guns mounted by the Japanese.

JAPS CAPTURED LEADING POSITION

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—4 p. m. The Japanese troops have captured some important positions on Pigeon Bay.

JAPS BOMBARD RUSSIAN GUNBOATS

HEADQUARTERS OF THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Korea, Dec. 22.—During the morning of Dec. 19, the Russian torpedo ship Sevestopol was torpedoed by the Japanese fleet and immediately listed 10 degrees to the right, remaining fast on the shallow shore at the foot of Liaoli mountain. The vessel is considered absolutely useless for further offensive operations.

The Japanese bombardment of the Russian gunboats and torpedo crafts in the harbor continues.

COUNTER ATTACK REPULSED BY JAPS

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—A despatch received by telegraph today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur says: "The right column of the army at 5 o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove the enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon Bay and occupied the position and at 7 o'clock dislodged the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanyenta, which we occupied, capturing one small gun.

"After the Japanese occupation of the position the enemy made a counter attack but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the positions is practically secure."

ENGLISH BOXER

MAY GET NEXT CHANCE AGAINST BRITT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—There is an air of general satisfaction in this town over the result of Tuesday night's battle between Jimmy Britt and "Battling" Nelson. With the fight now over, the topic of conversation is: Who will be Britt's next opponent?

A number of challenges were read at the ringside, but as yet none of them has been given any consideration. Of all the defis hurled at the winner, the one that will receive the most attention is the challenge sent by Charlie Mitchell, the ex-English heavyweight pugilist, on behalf of his protege, Jabez White.

If matched the battle would have an international aspect. White will sail for America within a few days, and it is not improbable that Britt will agree to give the English boxer a chance. Britt will, however, ask for a few weeks' rest before entering the ring again.

Several of the sporting organizations in this city are now busy trying to match Nelson with Young Corbett, Britt to meet the winner.

Everyone at the ringside applauded the grit and stamina of Nelson, and there were a few who believed that Referee Roche could have called the fight a draw. All seemed to agree that Britt showed the greater cleverness throughout.

"It was a repetition of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight," said Referee Roche. "Britt, like Jeffries, did the clever fighting, hitting cleanly and generally outpointing his opponent, while Nelson trusted mad rushes and his ability to withstand punishment.

Neither man showed yesterday the effects of the terrible gruelling he got. There was a slight scar on Britt's forehead. Nelson was unmarked.

BRITT GETS $8877

BATTLING NELSON'S SHARE OF THE RECEIPTS IS $5918.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The total gate receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were $26,900, of which Britt received $8877, Nelson $5918, and the Yosemite club $12,105.

ENORMOUS LOSS

Caused by the Fog in England

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Such a complete disorganization of railroad traffic and shipping as has resulted from the present fog has been unknown for many years. A dismal fog is spread over the greater part of the kingdom, causing enormous business losses and threatening the deprive thousands of their Christmas parcels. Statisticians estimate that the losses in a single day of such a fog in London alone amount to fully $3,000,000. All the coasts report a disbeanion of shipping. The White Star line steamer Cedric, which sailed from Liverpool yesterday for New York is still at noon fog bound in the Mersey where traffic is at a standstill. Similar conditions prevail on the Thames. A number of minor shipping mishaps have been reported from various points.

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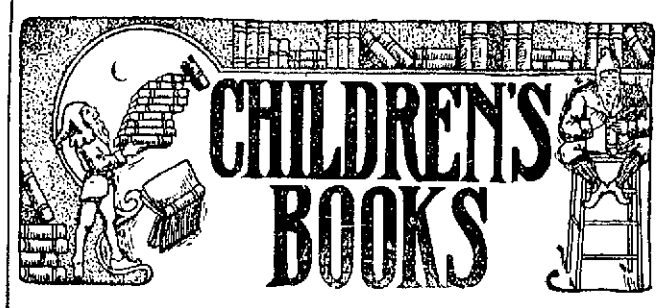

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HIS BODY CRUSHED

Manchester Man Met With Horrible Death

ROOF OF AN OVEN COLLAPSED

Michael Healey Buried Under the Debris

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 22.—While removing sand from an arch over a brick oven in the basement of Griffith's block on Chestnut street this morning, Michael Healey was buried underneath five or six feet of brick and sand by the collapse of the arch. It was 30 minutes before the help summoned could remove the covering above his body, and although there appeared to be some semblance of life when the body was first brought to view, he soon expired. The body was shockingly crushed. Aloys Eastman, the man in charge of the work, had just left Healey and ascended to the upper floor when the arch caved in. Healey leaves a family.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

AMERICAN BOATS

ENTERED FOR THE TRANS-ATLANTIC RACE.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in a despatch from Kiel, says the Imperial Yacht club announces the following American entries for the trans-Atlantic race:

Schooner yacht Endymion, owned by George Lauder of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Thistle, Robert E. Todd of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Ariel, Francis L. Leland of the New York Yacht club.

Schooner yacht Hildegarde, Edward R. Coleman of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary schooner yacht Resolute, John W. Masury of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary yacht Intrepid, Lloyd Phoenix of the New York Yacht club.

Auxiliary schooner yacht Aridane, Henry W. Putnam, Jr., of the New York Yacht club.

Sloop yacht Constitution, August Belmont and others of the New York Yacht club.

Sloop yacht Columbia, J. Pierpont Morgan, of the New York Yacht club.

MISS JANE TOPPAN

Refuses Food and is Greatly Emaciated

James S. Murphy, guardian of Jane Toppan, who saw her this week, says that she now classes him among the enemies who, she declares, are in a league to poison her. She refused to recognize him when he visited her. Mr. Murphy says she is greatly emaciated under her self-enforced fast, having eaten little for several months. Artificial nourishment is used by the attendants to keep her alive. According to the institution accounts her talk is incoherent and rambling, coupled with threats of what she would do if again free.

Mr. Murphy visited the institution during the early part of the week. When he entered her room she lay with her head turned toward the wall, and all attempts at conversation were fruitless. She kept her eyes closed and did not show in any way that she recognized him.

He was told by the attendant that the woman was aware of his presence and that she knew who he was.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court City of Lowell, No. 30, F. of A., was held last night in Foresters' hall. There was a large number of the members present, the fact that the election of officers was held drew out large numbers.

P. Rogers, chief ranger; M. R. McMahon, sub-chief ranger; Thomas E. O'Day, treasurer; P. McGilly, F. S.; J. F. Connolly, secretary; M. Duggan, S. W.; M. Sullivan, J. W.; J. Nuttall, S. B.; M. Gilligan, J. B.; R. Sullivan, 3 years' trustee; M. J. Meagher, physician; P. R. Monohan, lecturer.

These members will be installed at the first meeting January 3d. The court is in a flourishing condition. Dr. M. J. Meagher, the court physician, extended an invitation to the members for a re-union in the near future and the following committee was appointed to make arrangements. J. F. Connolly, M. R. Regan, J. H. Taylor, P. R. Monohan and P. Rogers.

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There is a plentiful supply of turkeys in the local markets this week, and the price is lower than at Thanksgiving time Purchasers will be glad to hear of this for about Thanksgiving time prices for turkeys, chickens, fowl, duck and geese, were very high, and many people were unable to secure turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner on account of this.

Turkeys are much better than they were a month ago and the ones sold this week are bright, clean and plump.

Good turkeys are now selling for from 22 to 25 cents per pound, from six to ten cents a pound cheaper than they were a month ago, though some are being sold at 20 cents with western turkeys as low as 15 cents per pound. Chickens are rated at 18 to 25 cents, while poorer birds are as low as 12½ and 15 cents a pound. Fowl are selling at 20 cents a pound, though one dealer in this city quotes the prices at from 10 to 12½ cents per pound.

There is a scarcity of good duck and geese, the geese selling at 20 cents per pound while ducks are from 20 to 25 cents.

There is a long list of game for the holiday season, which will demand prices about as follows: Black ducks, 90 cents apiece; mallards, 90 cents; Canvas-back ducks, $2; widgeon ducks, 90 cents; butter balls, 90 cents; grouse and white grouse $1; French and English partridges, 75 cents to $1.25, according to size; black game, 50 cents; rabbits, 15 cents; jack rabbits 50 to 75 cents; pigeons, 25 cents; wild goose, $1.25. There area lso guinea hens, squabs and quail. Roasting pigs will bring from $2.25 to $3.

The price of beef, the many different kinds, remains about the same as at Thanksgiving, while pork is a little cheaper. The different "fixins" in connection with the turkey remain about the same excepting that celery is more plentiful now than it was a month ago and some of it can be bought cheaper, though the best Boston Market celery still holds up in price. Fruit and nuts are about the same as a month ago.

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A CLEVER FAKE

Vermont Rival to Cardiff Giant

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 22.—One of the most carefully designed and skilfully executed fakes ever used to deceive the public has been exhibited through Vermont since last July, and no one has had a suspicion that it was not genuine.

What was alleged to be the petrified body of a human being was dug up on the farm of Willard Clough, in Washington, July 1. An excavation was being made to enlarge a spring. An arm was first encountered and later the remainder of the body was unearthed, part of it being under the roots of an old stump. The place is within the limits of the village of Washington, close to the highway, and the ground showed no indications of having been disturbed for a long time.

Prof. Charles H. Richardson of the department of mineralogy and geology of Dartmouth college examined the find, and stated that it was apparently the body of a human being belonging to some prehistoric race. This certificate, somewhat altered from the original wording was widely published and tended to remove the suspicion that naturally attached to such an exhibition.

The body was pronounced anatomically perfect and evidently that of a woman by physicians who examined it, and the fact that Clough, the man who discovered the "body," is neither an anatomist nor a sculptor, gave further confidence. Clough and his partner started about the state exhibiting the "body," and have shown it to thousands of people. They appeared to belive in its genuineness and expressed the hope that it might be placed in the museum at the state house or in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Prof. Richardson was not exactly satisfied with the way his statement was made to appear and insisted upon having some portions sent him for microscopic examination, and the microscope revealed the fraud.

The petrified woman is made of Portland cement. Fragments of pine shavings and of ash wood, probably from the barrel in which the cement was stored, have ben found in the so-called body.

In reviewing the results of his examinations, Prof. Richardson says:

"The body was manufactured in sections, evidently by casting, modelling and sculpturing. The head was never attached to the body, therefore never severed from it. The left arm was carved, attached to the body and like the body coated over with a wash of cement. The broken foot, designed to show long continued solution or decomposition, results easily from moulding the plastic cement. The most clever part of it all is the perfect form of the left leg.

"The clever fake of 1904 must now be relegated to the category of the Cardiff Giant carved in gypsum and buried in New York in 1869; Hull's second fake, made of clay and human bones, baked in a furnace and buried in Colorado in the early 70's; Ruddock's effigy of cement found in Michigan in 1876; the petrified man of Balhurst, Austria, 1889; the murder at Pacific Station, Ill., 1894, the Rune Stone in southern Michigan, 1899."

Now that the fraud is proved, speculation is rife as to who perpetrated it. The finder is thus far exempt, for he possesses none of the qualifications necessary. There is nothing to indicate that the plant was made in recent years, for the ground at the place of discovery had not been disturbed and a tree appeared to have grown over the body.

NORTH SEA BOARD

First Session Held in Paris Today

ADMIRAL DAVIS U. S. N. IN CIVILIAN DRESS

Many Distinguished Naval Officials on Board

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident met in the foreign office at 10 o'clock this morning. Rear Admiral Davis, U. S. N., was present. His presentation to President Loubet has been set for 6 o'clock this evening.

The commission unanimously elected Admiral Baron Von Spoun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy to be the fifth member, completed the preliminary organization and adjourned until January 9.

The opening session was held in a suite of sumptuous saloons of the D'Orsay palace (foreign office). Admiral Davis arrived in civilian dress accompanied by his aides, Lieut. Commander Roy C. Smith, the naval attache of the American embassy, and Ensign Wm. F. Bricker, U. S. N., Admiral Fournier, the French member of the commission, in behalf of foreign Minister Delcasse who was absent from the city met the American admiral, extended him a cordial greeting and recalled his visit to the United States at the time of the Rochambeau mission. Admiral Fournier presented Admiral Davis to Admiral Kazenakoff, the Russian member of the commission, and Rear Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, Great Britain's representative, the group of admirals joining in an informal chat partly in English and partly in French. The admirals and their aides did not wear uniforms, thus detracting somewhat from the expected brilliancy of the opening session.

Admiral Kazenakoff as senior in rank and age invited his colleagues to a private saloon where he proposed that Admiral Fournier should preside pending the arrival of the fifth member of the commission. Admiral Fournier was unanimously chosen, accepting the presidency in a felicitous speech in which he spoke of the friendly presence of the representatives of many navies.

M. Andre Soulagne-Bodin, a minister plenipotentiary of France, was selected as secretary and Mm. Martin and the Viscount De' Gesouil were appointed assistants with a large corps of attaches. Admiral Baron Von Spaun was then unanimously elected the fifth member of the commission and the commissioners were asked to inform their respective governments of the fact.

ALL ORDERED OUT

Foreign Missionaries Must Leave Morocco

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—An order just issued by the sultan of Morocco, expelling all foreign missions, delegates and employes at present attached to his court at Fez and also two of his own ministers, was arranged six months ago, according to men familiar with Moroccan affairs who are now in New ork. The only reason the expulsion order was not carried out sooner was that some of the powers represented at Fez used their influence to hold it back.

These same powers, it is believed, will immediately bring pressure to bear on the sultan to have their representatives reinstated. James W. Langerman, recently American vice consul at Tangier, said regarding the order:

"The sultan, who has been inclined to open up his country to the trade of the outside world, especially the interior, has come to the conclusion that too much jealousy exists among the representatives of the various foreign powers in Morocco. He has also been made aware of the fact that the pretender, Bouhamara, and most of the native tribes, who are fanatics and hate Christians, have been using the presence of these few Europeans in Fez to incite the people of the outlying districts of the city to have the brother of the sultan proclaimed emperor.

"American influence is stronger in Morocco at present than that of any other country and our commerce will soon find there a market which hitherto has been practically closed to it.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of Court St. Antoine, C. O. F., was held last night. The court has the arrangement of an affair under way at the present time which bids fair to be one of the grandest things it ever conducted. This affair will take the course of a religious demonstration in the afternoon, followed by a banquet at night, to take place on the Sunday preceding Lent.

In the afternoon, there will be a procession to the church, where the blessing of a new court banner will take place, and where exercises of an elaborate nature will be held. The banquet at night will be in Associate hall. A committee of 80, headed by Dr. A. G. Payette, will work to carry the affair to success.

Fifteen new members were initiated and sixteen applications for membership were received. After the court assembly, Campean council, of the third degree held its meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Grand supreme chief, Dr. A. G. Payette; vice grand supreme chief, Denis Deschenaux; grand supreme prophet, Leonce Fortin; grand supreme treasurer, Asarie Thibault; grand supreme secretary, A. N. Roulois; grand supreme commander, Henri Desmarais; grand supreme lieutenants, Joseph Montminy, Ismael Labelle.

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Two Boys Drowned While Coasting

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 22—Leroy Gravette, aged 8, and Robert B. Tanning, aged 7, have been drowned at Highstown, while coasting down an incline leading to Peddies Lake. The ice broke beneath their sleds. A brother of Tanning was drowned in the same manner a few years ago.

CLUE TO MURDER

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 22.—City Detective McReynolds has discovered the first real clue in the Mount Cutler murder mystery, that the officers have had to work on since the discovery of the body of the unknown woman. The clue consists of a one ounce bottle labelled "poison," which was found within 50 feet of the spot where the body of the murdered girl was discovered. The label, though partially destroyed, is believed to be sufficient to lead the detectives to the druggist who sold the poison and may eventually lead to the capture of the murderer.

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6 28	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.39	7.30	7.04	8.04
6.49	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.57
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.54
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.47
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.57
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.34
4.26	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.06
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
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7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

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8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.20	2.15	3.20
12.50	2.00	3.38	4.50
2.50	3.52	4.50	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
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7.00	8.00		
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7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.48	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.15	1.00	1.57
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FINE PAINTINGS

Sale of Mr. Coggeshall's Work Now On

Auctioneer E. B. Conant managed the sale of Mr. John I. Coggeshall's paintings in the Central block yesterday afternoon. It was the opening day of the sale and while the crowd was not very large the bidding was quite lively and the paintings brought good money but the prices were low considering the character of the work.

The most extensive purchasers were two Boston dealers. Included in their purchases were two of the Venetian scenes, "In St. Mark's Basin," and "Among the Shipping." The Boston men also bought a number of Cape Ann pictures. Some beautiful pieces were sold yesterday, but many of the favorites, most admired during the exhibition, remain on the walls, and are scheduled to be sold this afternoon.

Among the many beautiful pieces to be sold today is "The Halt of the Caravan". This is an exquisite painting and it has many fitting companion pieces in the collection. Included in the pieces offered for sale this afternoon are many pretty landscapes and Venetian scenes.

BATTLE RENEWED

Between Rival Classes at Columbia

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Columbia university was full of wars and rumors of wars yesterday, all because Kingdom Gould refused to be kidnapped like a nice little freshman, and frightened his sophomore tormentors by shooting a revolver over their heads.

Young Gould did not appear at the university, and the angry sophomores predicted that he will not show himself until after the Christmas holidays. But the sophomores are waiting for him, and when he does show himself they promise to sieze him and do a few fancy tricks with him.

In the absence of Kingdom Gould, the sophomores determined to kidnap some other officer of the freshman class to make an involuntary speech at their class banquet last evening. So at noon 50 of them invaded the campus and tried to capture H. H. Holbert, president of the freshman class. Fifty freshmen gathered to defend Holbert and Vice President Hobert McCutcheon.

When the two classes clashed the fight was the most beautiful ever seen on the campus. But the unwritten law forbids fighting on the campus, so upper classmen drove the quarreling children away. The battle then raged around 116th street station and the subway. Windows were smashed, freshmen were rolled in the snow, and all ordinary wayfarers kept out of the way for half an hour.

The freshmen put their officers on a southbound train and bade them fly to freedom, but little McCutcheon's curiosity got the better of his discretion. He leaped off and with a glad cry, darted into the melee. The sophomores surrounded him and carried him off in a southbound Broadway car. Undoubtedly he helped to entertain the "Sophs" at dinner last evening.

Meanwhile Kingdom Gould's method of escaping from the pursuing sophomores is severely criticised as contrary to the rules of the game. His classmates uphold his act, and say it reflected credit upon the whole freshman class. But the sophomores were bitter.

Dean Hutton, under Pres. Butler's direction, has ordered the sophomores who pursued Kingdom Gould to appear before the president today.

Police Commissioner McAdoo has ordered an investigation as to whether Kingdom Gould has a permit to carry a pistol.

BADLY BURNED

PERFUMERY SET FIRE TO GIRL'S CLOTHING.

BOSTON, Dec. 22—Miss Georgia Ramsdell, 29 years old, of 12 Ashland street, Malden, employed at Janes' drug store at the corner of Washington and Hanover streets, was severely burned yesterday afternoon by the breaking of a bottle of perfumery which became ignited from a gas jet, and set her clothing and hair on fire. Timothy D. Raymond, 19 years old, of 42 Abbott street, Beverly, a clerk, was badly burned about the hands while extinguishing the flames and rescuing the girl.

Both were taken to the Relief Hospital, after having his wounds dressed the man was sent to his home. Miss Ramsdell was badly burned about the hands, neck and face.

Miss Ramsdell was placing a bottle of perfumery on a shelf when it fell and broke. The perfumery fell upon her head, face and clothing, and became ignited by contact with a gas jet. Her hair burned fiercely, and her clothing also flamed rapidly. She tried to beat out the flames with her hands, and, while she was frightened and screamed some at first, she soon calmed down and heroically fought the flames in the effort to save herself from fatal injury. Raymond ran to her aid, and, after a brisk battle, extinguished the fire, but in doing so was himself badly injured. Both will recover.

DESERVES YOUR PATRONAGE

Howard, the Druggist, 197 Central street, believes in giving his employes a chance to enjoy holidays and for this reason will close Monday, Dec. 26th, for the balance of the day. He did the same Thanksgiving and as far as we know is the only druggist in Lowell to do so. Here's hoping that Mr. Howard is paving the way to reasonable hours for the poor drug clerks.

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NORTH BILLERICA

An entertainment and Christmas tree will be held in the vestry of the North Billerica Baptist church Saturday evening. The annual distribution of presents will be made to the children by the committee in charge of the affair.

The Billerica football team will hold a New Year's party in Thomas Talbot Memorial hall on Friday evening, Jan. 6.

The "Oakviews" have organized a bowling team with the following players: Fred Hannon, captain; William Costello, Joseph Marris, Fred Corr and William McMillan. The team will play its first match against the local H. A. team Friday night.

ROYAL ARCANUM NIGHT.

North Billerica council, Royal Arcanum, held a class initiation in Thomas Talbot Memorial hall last night, and during the evening six new members went through the initiation. The exercises were attended by a large number of visiting Arcanumites of Billerica and Lowell, also a delegation from the grand council, including Grand Regent Merritt S. Foye of Lynn, Grand Guide John J. Hogan of Lowell, Past Grand Regent A. W. David and District Deputy Joseph H. Gormley of Lowell.

The North Billerica council degree staff, James H. Gannon, guide, conferred the degree on the new members and at the conclusion of the exercises brief addresses were made by Grand Regent Foye, Past Grand Regent David, Grand Guide John J. Hogan and District Deputy Gormley and vocal selections were rendered by Charles E. Fairbrother and James H. Gannon. Music during the session was furnished by the Royal Arcanum orchestra, Wm. T. Cowdrey director. The "class" of last evening makes the third of its kind conducted by the local council since the first of the present year, during which time 54 new members have been gained, giving the council a total membership of 154. The success attained may be attributed to the earnest efforts of Regent James J. Campbell, District Deputy Joseph H. Gormley, combined with the help of the degree staff, the members of which are: Regent Arthur W. Holden, Vice Regent Ernest Stott, Past Regent John Hughes, Orator James J. Campbell, Chaplain Charles E. Fairbrother, Guide James H. Gannon, Warden Henry J. Mahoney, Sentry Charles E. Cowdrey, G. C. V. Joseph Gannon, Edward A. Morris, G. C. M. Herbert S. Russell, James A. Ruth, G. C. C. Jas. L. Bradley, Joseph P. Meaney.

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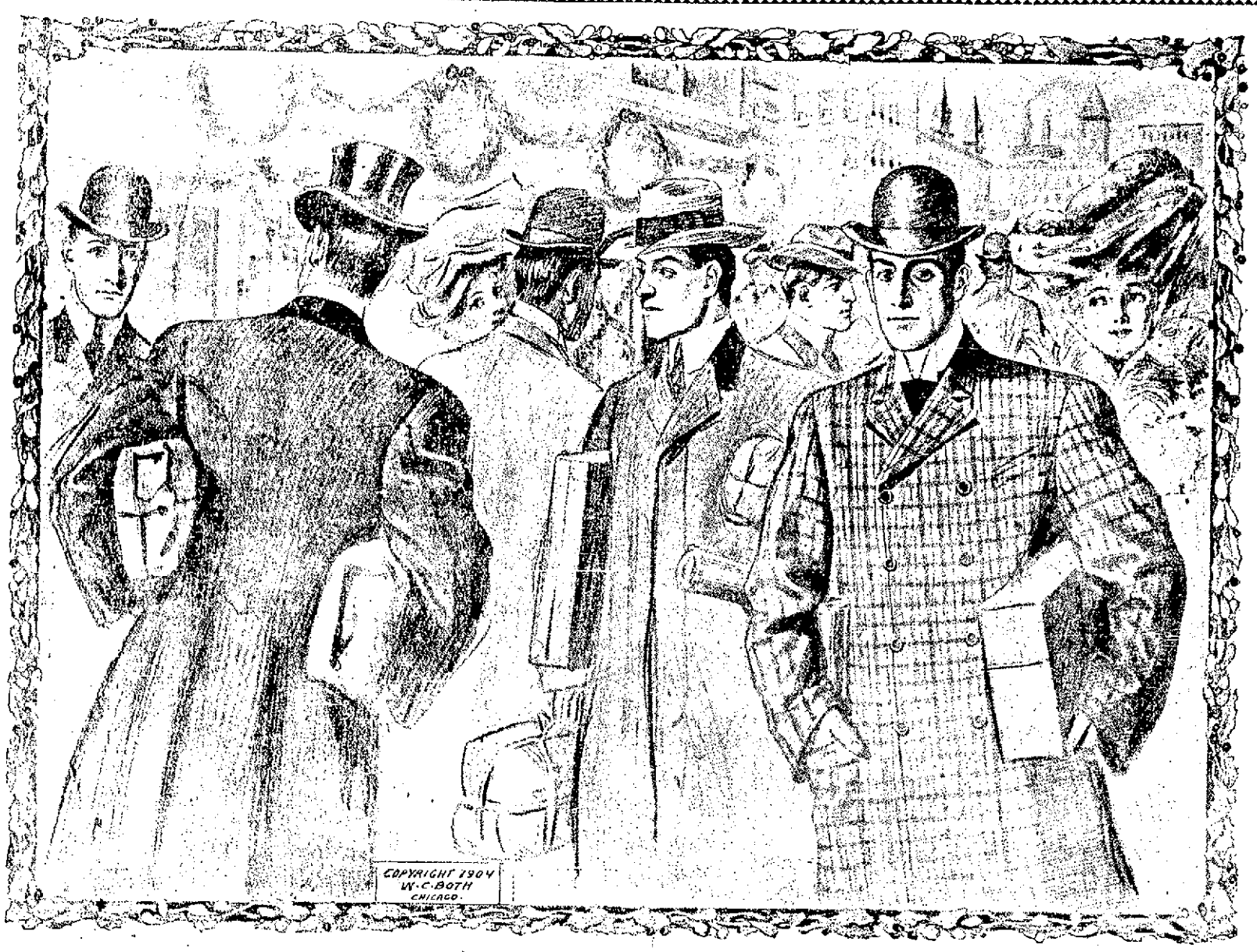

A Rush of Christmas Shoppers

Special 3 Days Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at "The Daylight"

Neckwear--	New Silks, new colorings, new shapes, the best in the city	25c, 50c, 75c, $1
Mufflers --	All styles and colors, a splendid variety at all prices	25c to $3.00
Handkerchiefs--	Linen or silk with initial or plain	5c to 50c
Suspenders--	Silk or Lisle Webbing, one pair in a box	25c to $2.50 pr
Umbrellas--	Silk, Gloria or Twill, new style handles	50c to $5.00
Shirts--	Fancy or white, stiff bosom or soft bodies, new patterns	50c to $2.00

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Children's Overcoats--	and Reefers—Only sizes 3 and 4, all fine coats, now	$2.00
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Boys' 3-Piece Suits --	Heavy weights, sizes 10 to 16 years, sold at $4, $5, $6, now	$2.75

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